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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
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Wednesday, March 6, 2024
9:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions – James Young, Chair**
- 9:02 a.m. Approval of February Meeting Minutes**
- 9:03 a.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC**
Dave Dixon, MORPC
- 9:10 a.m. Funding Programs**
- Attributable Funds Project Status Update – Thomas Graham, MORPC
 - Resolution T-2-24: Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham, MORPC
- 9:20 a.m. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
- 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update– Maria Schaper, MORPC

William Murdock, AICP
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Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

- 9:40 a.m. Informational Items**
- Air Quality Program Update – Mauro Diaz-Hernandez, MORPC
- 9:50 a.m. Other Business**
- 9:55 a.m. Upcoming TAC Meeting Topics**
- 10:00 a.m. Adjourn**

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The next TAC meeting is
Wednesday, April 3, at 9:00 a.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



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Date: **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**
Time: **9:00 a.m.**
Location: **MORPC**

Members Present

Andrako, Mike	Komlanc, Tom	Schamp, Letty
Boucher, Christine (online)	Lockhart, Josh (online)	Upp, Jeremiah
Cox, Barbara	Moran, Alan	Vandia, Kelsey (online)
Ferrigno, William	Moss, Kimberly (online)	Volenik, Andy (online)
Francis, Corey	Nittle, Tim	Weaver, Kevin
Jenkins, Tiffany	Peoples, Matthew	Wilfong, Gary
Johnson, Daniel (online)	Sanders, Scott	Young, James

Guests

Ancorum, Kaylee	Ciotola, Michael (online)	Madineni, Veena (online)
Avellano, Mike (online)	Elsea, Amy	Schuler, Alex
Bakare, Tajudeen (online)	Huang, Ian	

MORPC Staff

Agrawal, Parag	Franco, Taylor (online)	Peggau, Karina
Bumgardner, April	Gill, Nick	Ratliff, Charles
Cardoni, Lauren	Graham, Thomas	Schaper, Maria
Diaz-Hernandez, Mauro	Hauter, Aubrey	Strange, Emma
DiCuccio, Clare	Lewis, Elliott	Teye, Edwina
Dixon, Dave	Oldroyd, Shelby	Turner, Mary (online)

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Chair Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.
- Chair Young introduced Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer, and Senior Director of Programming. Mr. Agrawal spoke briefly about his background in Transportation Infrastructure & Economic Development. He served as the Executive Director of the Polk Transportation Planning Organization in Florida; in Prince William County, Virginia as the Planning Director; worked for the City of Columbus as a planner; and is a graduate of the Ohio State University master's program for City and Regional Planning.
- Chair Young then asked all members to introduce themselves. All members in attendance, guests, and MORPC staff introduced themselves and the organizations they represent to the Committee.

II. Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Ferrigno moved; Ms. Schamp seconded; and the motion passed.

III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC

- Mr. Gill began by letting the members know that there will be an upcoming meeting on February 22, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Violet Township Administration offices to discuss the I-71, SR 256, & Taylor Road Interchange Improvements. The community is welcome to attend the meeting or see ODOT's website for more information.
- Mr. Gill continued that the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) had asked to share that they are currently taking applications for their Ohio Orphan Rail Crossing Program. These are for crossings that no longer have a connection to the rail network; that the crossing is serving a closed or vacated facility; or that the crossing is used but lacks clear documentation of ownership and responsibility for the crossing's condition. Applications are due February 29, 2024. If there are any situations that match this, please use the QR code or link listed on the presentation to apply.
- Mr. Gill's final update was to remind members of the upcoming Money Mondays that happen throughout the month. These are held from 1 – 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Todd Bradley.
- Mr. Dixon updated the committee for the Planning Department. He had three updates for the committee to highlight. Ohio EPA, along with other state agencies and MORPC, are starting a comprehensive water study for the 15-county central Ohio area in early March. The study will examine existing and future water supply and demand to better understand gaps and priority areas for both water and sewer infrastructure investments. The study is expected to conclude by the end of the year with monthly webinars that provide opportunities to update key stakeholders and get feedback.
- Mr. Dixon then reminded the committee that Data Day 2024 would be held on February 7, 2024. This is a one-day event held at Ohio University – Dublin's Integrated Education Center. Data Day is an opportunity to learn more about what our region is doing to promote data, securing and governing data, and visualizing data. The event is sold out. MORPC will seek to add more capacity for next year.
- Mr. Dixon then spoke about the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) update. The COG Trail Town working group held its first meeting in January. The purpose of the working group is to implement the COG Trail Town framework. The next working group meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and the group will continue to meet every other month. Any experts, advocates, or professionals looking to promote trail use for tourism, economic development or quality of life are encouraged to join the working group. Please reach out to Melinda Vonstein to be added to the roster.

IV. Funding Programs

- **Attributable Funds Project Status Update**
 - Mr. Graham presented information on the updated numbers for Attributable Funds in a presentation and handouts for the members. Continuing, Mr. Graham updated the committee about Upper Arlington's Fishinger Road Project. The section from Riverside to Mountain View, funds were encumbered for the project ahead of schedule as it was recently awarded. There is a small amount of funding remaining for the project, but Mr. Graham stated he did anticipate that those funds would be encumbered.

- The 70/71 Innerbelt Phase 4A project came in high on bids. Thus, surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds of \$1 million are being advanced from future phases already committed in the total \$24 million commitment which encompasses all the phases of the project.
- Mr. Graham then pointed out that there is still a significant negative STBG balance at the bottom of the sheet. However, there are significant STBG funds still available statewide and MORPC should be able to coordinate to manage that negative balance.
- ODOT Transportation Review Advisor Council (TRAC) 2023 Draft Awards Update
 - Mr. Lewis started by explaining that the draft award list for public comment would have been previously announced, but the meeting had been postponed to review the projects. The meeting was now scheduled to take place at 10:00 a.m. on January 31, 2024.
 - Thus, the information that Mr. Lewis would be showing for this meeting would be only the ODOT staff recommendations and not the finalized list for public comment. In reviewing, Mr. Lewis explained that back in October of 2023 MORPC presented TRAC the regional priority list that was completed over the summer and fall of 2023. Across the mid-Ohio region, there are several priorities that were presented to TRAC.. What was initially presented was around \$63 million in recommended awards to the region with varying degrees of no awards or partial awards per phase or for requests. There were several requests that did not get the entire amount that was requested, including the I-70/Taylor Road/256 Interchange. This is part of the new Connect4Ohio Program, which seeks to better connect or use some unused funds to connect rural projects with job centers.
 - Mr. Lewis continued that last year, there was around \$300 million worth of requests submitted from the mid-Ohio region and around \$100 million in awards were allocated. Statewide, the draft recommended total for this year is \$118 million with about \$63 million of that from the mid-Ohio region. While this amount is around \$40 million less than last year, MORPC is still projected to be at a higher share amount for the year than was awarded to the region last year and by number of awarded projects in the draft recommended total.
 - After TRAC votes on the project list, they will release it for public comment. The public comment period will start the week of February 5, 2024 and close on February 23, 2024. The final project list will then be approved on February 28, 2024.

V. Resolutions

- Ms. Cardoni presented information on Resolution T-1-24, the Resolution to Support the Ohio Department of Transportation's Safety Performance Measure Targets for calendar year 2024. Every year the state department of transportation and the metropolitan planning organizations are required to set targets based on the five federal safety performance measures. In August states submit their targets and within 180 days the metropolitan planning organizations are required to either adopt the same targets or develop their own.
- To set these targets, ODOT and MORPC look at the historical data as it relates to these five federal performance measures. This includes looking at fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways, and the number of fatalities and serious injuries specific to non-motorized users – specifically bicyclists and pedestrians. Ms. Cardoni presented a chart to show fatalities, serious injuries, and serious injuries/fatalities for

non-motorized users. The chart shown illustrates that since 2017 fatalities have been increasing. Fatalities to vulnerable road users have also been increasing. Serious injuries though, have been on a downward trend.

- The five federally mandated performance measures are the Fatality Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; the Serious Injury Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; Total Fatalities; Total Serious Injuries; and Total Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has adopted a 2% annual reduction for their targets for the 2024 calendar year across all five of those performance measures. Ms. Cardoni showed a chart that illustrated for the benchmark data and targets in MORPC's current 2020-2050 MTP. The current MTP adopted a target of 2% annual reduction for all five performance measures, but current data indicates that the region is not meeting any of those targets.
- Ms. Cardoni went on to discuss that the intent behind setting these targets is to then adopt policies, programs, and other initiatives at the state, regional, and local levels to make progress toward these goals. Ms. Cardoni commented that in the past, questions have arisen regarding why the target is so low, but even with the low target, it is still proving difficult to achieve.
- Ms. Schamp stated that while she fully supports the aspirations of the goals, she questions whether it is a goal or an aspiration. She continued that she wondered if the Transportation Advisory Committee and regional policy makers are going to be able to make real concrete changes in the way that things are being done to have an impact. Ms. Schamp continued that in the news that day, a story broke that a bicyclist was hit and killed overnight at two arterial streets within the MORPC area. Looking at things like this it is easy to say that mistakes were made or that streets were overbuilt. It is easy to look back and blame our predecessors. As it happened this was an intersection that, as a young traffic engineer, she had worked for a consultant who could have had a part in designing this intersection. Rules were followed, traffic counts were done, and a growth rate was established. They completed a capacity analysis based on what was projected for the 20-year traffic and the thing is, the same thing is being done now. Decisions with the same outcomes are being made by staff members working under most of the members of the committee. We think we are going to get a different outcome. Thus, Ms. Schamp stated, while she appreciates the idealization behind the resolution, if we do not translate this into changes in policies and procedures, there will not be any difference in the outcomes seen.
- Ms. Cardoni answered that at the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) on Monday, those members expressed the same sentiment. There was a lot of interest from the committee to talk more and focus more on the topic of safety and this frustration is shared by many of the stakeholders.
- Chair Young commented that he hoped that the projects that members of the committee were looking at would be better for all modes and to focus on change. Ms. Schamp replied that the basic principle of how it is decided how many lanes are going to be on a street has not changed. The criteria have not changed. The level of service requirements has not changed and that is what will drive the change for safer streets.
- Chair Young then asked for a motion to vote on the resolution. Kevin Weaver motioned, and Matt Peoples seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

VI. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Ms. Schaper provided an update on the 2024 to 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). For MORPC to meet federal planning requirements and to be eligible for federal funding, the MTP must be updated to highlight changing demands on the transportation system in Central Ohio. The MTP also guides the work being done at MORPC, local planning partners, and is the guiding document for transportation in our region. It is a fiscally constrained document meaning that although all the projects that we identify will not necessarily have funding committed to them, that they are financially feasible based on expectations for the transportation revenue for the region. It is also proposed that these projects will be able to be built by 2050. This document is submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT.)
- Ms. Schaper went on to show the proposed goals for the MTP, which align closely with the goals of the current plan. These goals are: create sustainable neighborhoods to improve all resident's quality of life; increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures; position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally; provide transportation and mobility options to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people; protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community; and reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy suppliers. The goals flow to objectives, strategies, and projects to complete the structure.
- Ms. Schaper went on to discuss that the draft strategies that have been discussed in prior meetings are now going to be open to the public for comment. The strategies are identified as either System Management or System Development. The team had hoped to have the draft list of projects available for this meeting, but they were not ready. However, they should be available in the next week and then posted to the MORPC – MTP Website. There will be an interactive map to show the projects, to show cost estimates, time, and allow for comment on each individual project. There will also be an email address that the public can send comments to for staff to review.
- Ms. Schaper then reviewed the process that had happened to date with the MTP update that began in 2022. This process includes reviewing, & adopting the Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures for the MTP; developing & adopting the 2050 population and employment growth projections; compiling candidate strategies and projects; looking at project evaluation criteria; publishing the interactive webmap; looking at strategies & project evaluation; examining the fiscal analysis; and looking at the draft strategies and projects. Now, in 2024 the next step of the process is ready to begin with public review and comments. Also, in 2024 there will be an impact analysis; full draft of the document; public comment period; and adoption of the MTP in May.
- Ms. Schaper continued that MORPC staff will be going to Public Meetings starting in February to speak to member agency councils, boards, trustees, and commissions. Fifty-two visits were currently scheduled. There will also be a public open house on March 19, 2024 for the community to provide input.

VII. Informational Items

- Complete Streets Policy Updates
 - Ms. Cardoni began by reiterating that this Policy update was one of two that will be presented to help drive toward meeting goals related to safety.

MORPC has been working with a working group of local agency partners over the last few months to update the Complete Streets Policy. The Complete Streets policy applies to any transportation project that receives MORPC Attributable Funding. These are any of the federal transportation dollars that are coming into the Columbus Metropolitan region. The policy has been in place since 2010, but it underwent an extensive overhaul in 2021 with another working group. In the 2021 update, it was included that moving forward the policy would be reviewed on a biennial basis along with MORPC's policies for managing Attributable Funds. Many of the changes to the policy are minor text changes. Ms. Cardoni continued that she would be highlighting the key updates that are important for the committee to be aware of. The entire draft policy is available on the MORPC webpage and is in a period of public comment through most of February.

- Ms. Cardoni continued that the first major change was in Section 3 of the Policy. The draft policy update proposes the addition of a few edits as well as new principles. Principle one has new verbiage 'without loss of life or serious injury' added to it. Principle two has been added to state that Complete Streets 'Are key to creating a Safe System, and specifically incorporate the six principles of the Safe System Approach.' Principle four has been added to state that Complete Streets 'Provide safe and comfortable accommodation for vulnerable road users both along and across the right-of-way where necessary and appropriate.'
- Section 4 talks about when and how the policy applies and highlights the review process that staff go through when projects apply for and receive funding. MORPC staff review projects as they go through the design process to ensure that they continue to comply with the policy. A few changes were made to this language to make sure that the Complete Streets Policy aligns with the Attributable Funding Policy.
- Section 5 is where requirements are detailed. Requirement 1 of the policy was a key change for 2024, with language added to accommodate for changes made with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) related to design criteria that project sponsors must follow when they receive federal funding.
- Ms. Cardoni continued that there were a few other requirements where language was tweaked to prioritize safety and that a few recommendations were bumped to the requirements section of the policy. Requirement 5 highlights the need for speed management and emphasizes safe and appropriate speeds. Number 6 focuses on crossings and ensuring that the most appropriate countermeasures are being used to create safe crossings on roadways.
 - Ms. Cardoni moved on to discuss the design criteria change. This was a substantial change that highlights the specific state laws and federal regulations that anyone receiving federal funding must comply with. Section 7, as proposed, is entirely new language, and it outlines what roadway manuals and design guides must be followed as part of the project design process.
 - The final update is that as part of the implementation and evaluation of the policy, MORPC staff will be regularly reporting back to this committee, the TAC, as well as to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), and the Active Transportation Committee on Complete Streets reviews that we conduct throughout the year.

- Ms. Cardoni finished up by stating that there is an appendix that includes key definitions for terms that are used throughout the policy, and one new term was added to define what we mean when we're talking about a road user, that it is more than just people in a vehicle, it includes everyone using the roadway.
- **Attributable Funding Policy Updates**
 - Mr. Graham began by explaining what Attributable Funds are for the new members. Attributable Funds are all the sub allocated funds we receive from the Federal Highway Administration that we then run an evaluation selection process to allocate across different projects in the region. The funds are utilized for roadway projects, but also for expansion of transit service and stand-alone bike and pedestrian projects along with some other planning activities. The policies document outlines everything regarding how we run this program.
 - Mr. Graham stated that this policy is also under Public Comment period and would be so until February 23, 2024.
 - Mr. Graham started the changes review in Section 5. MORPC sets funding target ranges for different project types. The roadway capacity and operation changes are looking at any change that is going to change the operation of a road. Separately, system preservation is looking just at those resurfacing and reconstruction projects. Transit and bike & pedestrian changes are their own areas.
 - Target ranges are set as it is hard to evaluate a transit project against a roadway project and so on. There are slightly different criteria for evaluation, and we only compare like project types to each other during the process. Only a slight change is being made to adjust the target ranges to reduce the minimum and roadway capacity and operation changes.
 - Mr. Graham continued that the next round of funding applications will be opened in May. MORPC will be soliciting applications during the summer and fall, then move to evaluate the projects, and will come back to the TAC with funding recommendations.
 - For Section 5.3 of the policy, reducing minimum roadway capacity and operational changes, the change was to remove a minimum funding requirement. Additionally, there was a change that smaller requests would be funded before we funded larger requests within the roadway category – the recommendation was to remove this wording.
 - Moving to Section 7 – Economic Opportunity, there were a few changes in the criteria for evaluation. First were the Congestion Relief criteria – previously it only looked at future congestion, this change will look at current and projected future issues and then the priority was reduced from an A to a B.
 - For Travel Delay Reduction, this criteria was removed and the focus will be only on travel time uncertainty when scoring economic opportunity.
 - Finally, in this portion of Section 7, an increase was made in the priority of other economic consideration criteria to allow for more qualitative narrative reasons why we should be evaluating a project.
 - Next in Section 7, was the Collaboration goal. This section is focused on the amount of funding requested, the amount of funding sources already secured for a project, and prior planning efforts around the project. Changes to this section are not particularly significant.
 - For the Health & Safety goal of Section 7, there are three safety focused criteria. The change recommended is to break out the quantitative measure for crash

reduction. It has been broken into two criteria, one focusing on motor vehicles and the other focusing on reducing crashes for vulnerable roadway users.

- Finally, as Ms. Cardoni mentioned, changes were made to further highlight how MORPC is doing the Complete Streets process review and to make sure that the two policies – Attributable Funding and Complete Streets – are referring to each other correctly.
- Public Comment will be available until February 23, 2024 and can be addressed to tip@morpc.org or to Nick Gill via mail.
- Passenger Rail Updates
 - Mr. Lewis began by explaining that for the first time since the 1970's there is the potential to have passenger rail back in central Ohio. A new federal program called the Corridor Identification and Development Program was awarded funding in December, and two corridors that MORPC supported were able to receive funding. This program breaks the planning effort down into three separate steps which we partner with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), who administers the program. It looks at all the varied factors needed to introduce passenger rail service and do it in a comprehensive and deliberate way. This process will help pave the way to provide the best service in Ohio and nationally.
 - Currently, MORPC is in the first step of the process where our partners have received a federal grant to develop the scope, the schedule, and the budget to do the rest of the planning. Thus, right now, we are working with our partners to get everything mapped out to figure out what aspects of service are going to be needed.
 - In the second step of the process, a Service Development Plan will be created, showing what is needed to run the service. This could include stations, frequency of trains, rail repair, etc. Then, in step three, we start to perform project development and go through the preliminary design phase, environmental clearance, and prepare for future construction and service.
 - Mr. Lewis continued that nationally, there were 68 or 69 corridors selected and Ohio received four awards. MORPC was a part of the 3C&D line that goes from Cleveland, through Columbus, Dayton, and to Cincinnati. MORPC also worked with the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana to support the Midwest Connect line. This line goes from Chicago to Pittsburgh, with stops in Fort Wayne & Columbus.
 - This process will take a bit of time since it is both deliberate and federal. Step 1 should be completed by the end of this year, and then we will spend the next several years working on Step 2 of the process. Step 3 will take a few years, after that, with potential for shovels in the ground by the end of the decade.
 - Mr. Ferrigno asked if this project was related to the Hyperloop project. Mr. Lewis answered that the Midwest Connect line was the route that the previous Hyperloop study had looked at. Mr. Lewis explained that it was not just a Hyperloop study, but it examined multiple options for rapid speed transportation along the corridor, Hyperloop being one particular mode. Passenger rail was also looked at as a part of that study. For this opportunity, though, conventional passenger rail is the only part of the study.
 - Mr. Ferrigno then asked if any part of this was to be high speed rail. Mr. Lewis explained that as part of the development process, the study will look at different scenarios when it comes to frequencies and speed. Mr. Lewis continued that anything above 110 mph would require more extensive capital investment.

Another scenario could look at getting up to 79 mph max speed, which would at least be competitive with auto travel.

- Mr. Nittle asked if the intent would be to have dedicated passenger lines that are owned by the passenger rail companies, as opposed to piggybacking on freight lines and being at the mercy of commercial rail schedules. Mr. Lewis responded that the corridor will be on an existing freight track with more targeted improvements where bottlenecks may occur. The study will look at what it would take to have dedicated corridors, either portions or the entire corridor, what that would cost, and what it would require to construct.
- Mr. Lewis continued that for the portion east from Columbus to the West Virginia border, it is owned by the state and leased to a railroad company. Many of these lines, especially with the Midwest Connect, are currently under capacity when it comes to existing freight service.
- Mr. Komlac asked what the ownership of this project looked like in terms of public/private partnerships and how the overall vitality plays into putting the system into place. Mr. Lewis answered that as a part of the service development plan, one of the tasks will be to look at the operations structure. An important thing to note is that this is a Federal Railroad Administration program and is not Amtrak. Thus, when looking at potential service operators, it would not necessarily limit operations to one organization. In addition, looking at capital upgrades, it would not necessarily just be public support. The partners would be working with the host railroads, maybe other entities as well, that will be looked at in the Step 2 – Service Development Planning.
- Mr. Ferrigno asked if it was a general goal to make sure that services were kept affordable for travelers. Mr. Lewis confirmed that yes, it is a goal to make this as competitive as possible as a travel option. Mr. Lewis again reiterated how important Step 2 of the process will be for service development. It will be vital to balance having the best quality infrastructure, the highest speeds, the highest frequencies, while keeping it affordable for consumers to use the service.
- LinkUs Updates
 - Ms. Schaper started by letting the committee members know if any entity would like a more in-depth update on the LinkUs project, to let her know and that could be arranged.
 - Ms. Schaper continued that LinkUs is the regional investment initiative to create affordable, walkable, connected communities to grow in a more equitable way and increase opportunities for all. This is being done through investment in faster, more reliable public transportation, with safer and expanded bike and pedestrian routes. Looking at the development side, we need to see how we are developing as a region that will serve a growing population with transportation investments.
 - LinkUs would include rapid transit lanes, bike & pedestrian infrastructure with dedicated bike lanes and crosswalks and create a comprehensive mobility system.
 - LinkUs is for the vision to create five new rapid transit corridors – three of which are already in development. LinkUs does identify increased transit service to the existing COTA service area. This would include 45% more service hours with increased frequency and increased hours of the day transit is available. Rapid Transit would include a higher level of service and premium features including level and multi-door boarding; off-board fare collection; dedicated right-of-way; signal priority and intersection control; modern and branded vehicle design;

increased frequency and capacity; enhanced stations; and clean energy. Overall, this would provide a much higher level of service than what we see with our current transit system.

- Ms. Schaper continued that there are currently three corridors in development at this time – West Broad, East Main, and the Northwest Corridor.
- The West Broad which would span 5 miles, serve 95,000 jobs, have 17 stations, and 76% of the residents in the corridor live in an area of persistent poverty.
- The East Main corridor is 8 miles long, will serve close to 100,000 jobs, with 19 stations, and 64 % of the residents live in an area of persistent poverty.
- Finally, the Northwest Corridor will connect downtown to Dublin via Olentangy River Road. This corridor will be one in phases. With this corridor we see five sports and entertainment venues, three of central Ohio's largest employers, and will serve 30% of all jobs in Franklin County.
- The other corridors that will be looked at for study will be looking at downtown to New Albany and Easton and one to the south, connecting downtown to Rickenbacker or Grove City. What we will be looking at with the next study will be to see if it is feasible to construct by 2050 based on the LinkUs funding strategy.
- The other aspect of LinkUs is bike, walk, and greenways, which is being referred to as transit supportive infrastructure or TSI. The plan is that 27.5% of the new local revenue source will be dedicated to transit supportive infrastructure. This will amount to around \$60 million a year, which is an unprecedented amount of local funds available for these TSI projects.
- MORPC has been leading the effort this initiative, setting up a committee structure that is tasked with developing a program of projects in the COTA service area that will identify what those project priorities are for the region. These committees have already met multiple times and are working to narrow down these priority projects and work these projects into a capital improvement program.
- Ms. Schaper continued by discussing the TSI draft regional priorities that guide program development and lay out the parameters of how this funding program will be used. The TSI includes any area that is within 1 mile of a fixed route transit stop or 3 miles for a bike route. That in turn, covers the majority of Franklin County and COTA's service area.
- Looking forward to 2024, we will be finalizing program policies; developing the TSI CIP/Budget; communicating project priorities; and collaborating to get priority projects grant-ready and maintain a pipeline of projects.
- Clean Ohio Updates
 - Dr. Teye introduced herself as the Water Natural Resources Program Manager for MORPC. Clean Ohio is administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission. At MORPC the team processes the applications and facilities selection process for Franklin County. This is done through the Natural Resources Assistance Council. The Clean Ohio Conservation Program is a funding program that protects conservation properties in perpetuity. Applicants can use funds to acquire open spaces, as well as to protect and enhance riparian corridors and wetlands. Funds are open to local governments, park districts, environmental agencies, and nonprofit organizations.
 - In District 3, there is a two-step process to receive funding. The first step is to submit the preliminary screeners. These are due on June 3, 2024. For this process, applicants present their projects and will receive feedback from the Natural Resources Assistance Council members on the project eligibility. Final applications

are then due on August 30, 2024. If a project is outside of the Franklin County area, interested applicants can check the Ohio Public Works Commission [website](#) to see the liaisons that work for other counties.

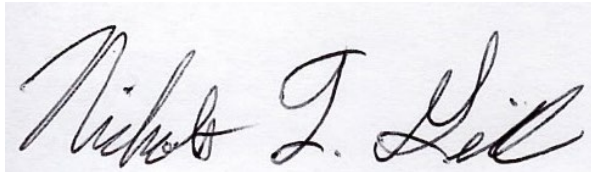
- Dr. Teye continued that she was seeking members to be a part of the Natural Resources Assistance Council. The council is made up of eleven members, one is appointed by the Integrating committee and the other a representative from the local water and conservation district and in District 3, that is the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District. The remaining nine members are selected from five groups: Local Governments, Environmental Groups, Park Systems, Agriculture & Forestry, and Business, Realtor, and Planning agencies. Dr. Teye went on to say that if members of the TAC know anyone who has an interest in being a part of the council, please have them get in touch with her at eteye@morpc.org.

- Dr. Teye continued by reviewing the funds that have been dispersed over the years. Annually, there is an allocation of \$3.5 million. The current cycle is the 19th for fiscal year 2025. With a balance carried over from cycle 18, there is currently \$5.8 million available. Dr. Teye then reviewed the schedule for applications and site visits.

- June 3, 2024 – Preliminary Screenings Due
- June 24, 2024 – Applicant Presentations
- August 30, 2024 – Final Applications Due
- September 12, 2024 – Site Visits
- October 7, 2024 – Application Scoring Session
- November 4, 2024 – Final Action: Award Funds

VIII. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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Nick Gill, Secretary

Transportation Advisory Committee



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPORT

February 2024

PROGRAMMING

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Transportation

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- The draft strategies and projects were published for public review and comment. Comments will be accepted through March 29, 2024.
- Identified projects include approximately \$35 billion of investment in Central Ohio's transportation system. The projects include maintenance and operations of existing infrastructure: and expansion and improvement of transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and roadway components through the year 2050.
- Presentations to MPO-area communities including city and village councils, county commissions, township trustees, and neighborhood area commissions are taking place through March. This is an opportunity for local bodies to hear about the MTP and review projects identified in their areas. A total of 54 presentations are scheduled.
- The MTP Open House will take place at MORPC on March 19, 2024 3:30-6:30 p.m. More information is available at www.morpc.org/mtp

Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

Mobility Management

- The Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee held its monthly meeting and participated in a travel training for Ohio Loves Transit Week.
- A presentation was given as part of the Safe Routes to Age in Place Mobility Series put on by the Age Friendly Innovation Center. The presentation covered mobility management services, mobility needs for seniors, and included a facilitated discussion about mobility planning.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

- Continued to monitor sub-recipient activities and pending vehicle orders.

Gohio Commute

- Preferred Carpool/Vanpool parking signs provided by the Gohio Commute program were installed at Scotts Miracle-Gro in Marysville, Ohio to promote their new sustainable commute program.

- Participated in a transportation panel at the City of Columbus GreenSpot Sustainability workshop.
- Started “Make Your Miles Matter”- Feb-March Winter challenge to encourage participation on the rideshare platform.
- Continued to promote vanpooling at The Defense Supply Center - Columbus, as they bring their employees back to the workplace. Multiple onsite events have been held to form vanpools.
- Met with Ohio means Jobs employees in Fairfield County to promote the Fairfield County Vanpool Pilot Program. As we move along on this pilot, we will be partnering with Ohio means Jobs; South Central Jobs & Family Service coordinators; and Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action employment coordinator to help send potential new employees to Midwest Fabricating. This partnership will help potential employees have reliable transportation to work via vanpools.
- Presented the Gohio Commute program to Marion Transportation Coalition. Discussions will continue regarding how we can help their region with workforce transportation.

Transportation Planning Activities:

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

- Regional engagement and public outreach continued. MORPC provides support to the LinkUS Team at meetings with local jurisdictions and community groups to share information about LinkUS and to hear about local priorities.
- Additional rapid transit corridors to be studied have been identified through MORPC’s MTP process. Currently three corridors are recommended for further study of exact alignment and mode. These corridors include a connection between downtown Columbus and John Glenn International Airport, as well as connections between downtown Columbus and activity centers in the southern part of the region such as the Rickenbacker Mobility Center and Grove City.
- The Transit Supportive Infrastructure Committees continue to meet to prioritize projects and build a regional Capital Improvement Program of transit supportive infrastructure projects.

Passenger Rail

- Planning continued on the Corridor ID awarded routes. Initial scope, schedule, and budgets needed to complete the service planning and initial engineering are expected to be completed by the end of 2024.
- The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is evaluating existing and potential new long-distance routes across the nation. Two proposed routes that would go through Central Ohio were noted as preferred for further development: Dallas-St. Louis-Columbus-Pittsburgh-NYC and Detroit-Columbus-Louisville-Nashville-New Orleans. The FRA would need to do a substantial amount of work to develop these corridors, with near-term implementation not expected until 2040.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):

- The second round of applications for State Fiscal Years 2024 & 2025 CORPO Dedicated Funds closed on February 9, 2024. The applications will be evaluated and reviewed by the CORPO Funds Selection Committee to develop proposed funding commitments. There will be a public comment period for the proposed funding commitments from March 18 to April 19, 2024 and the funding commitments will be adopted by the CORPO Committee at their May committee meeting.
- CORPO received a federal grant through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program to develop a comprehensive Safety Action Plan. As part of this effort, CORPO has convened a stakeholder committee to oversee the planning process. The committee is seeking public input regarding local road safety issues and opportunities to help identify key priorities for the plan. The planning process will also include review of crash data and conditions for all roadway users. There will

be a public comment period for the draft Safety Action Plan starting mid-March through mid-April ahead of the adoption of the plan by the CORPO Committee at their May committee meeting.

Active Transportation Planning:

- MORPC hosted an all-day training to work on the ODOT Multimodal Design Guide on Friday, February 2, 2024. More than 50 professionals from around the region joined us to learn more about design of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the state of Ohio.
- An update to the MORPC Complete Streets Policy was posted for public comment on January 22, 2024 and the public comment period closed on Friday, February 23, 2024. A few comments were received about the draft policy and a disposition of comments will be developed.
- MORPC is hosting virtual group viewings of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) monthly Professional Development webinars again in 2024. These webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov, jpetrov@morpc.org if you are interested in attending any of the MORPC group viewings. The next webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2024, on the topic of: *"Quickly and Comprehensively Implementing a Major Shift in Transportation Design to Improve Safety and Encourage Active Transportation."*
- The first quarter Active Transportation Committee (ATC) meeting was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Meeting materials, including presentations, will be available on the [ATC web page](#). The second quarter ATC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This will be a hybrid meeting with attendees able to join in-person at MORPC in the Board Room or via Microsoft Teams.
- MORPC participated in the steering committee kick-off meeting for the City of Gahanna Active Transportation Plan on February 9, 2024. Members of the steering committee discussed a vision and goals for the plan, as well as key strengths, challenges, and needs in the community. There is a public survey currently open for input at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GahannaATP>.
- MORPC participated in the [Health Works Franklin County](#) February meeting on February 27, 2024 and led a presentation about the impacts of Complete Streets in our communities. MORPC is working in collaboration with Franklin County Public Health and other Health Works partners to increase safety in our built environment throughout Franklin County.

Transportation Safety:

- MORPC is partnering with the Delaware Public Health District to teach students in the public health program at Ohio Wesleyan University about the impacts of the built environment on public health. Team members will be assisting with a class lecture as well as conducting walk audits with the students around the City of Delaware to learn about and document infrastructure conditions in collaboration with staff from the City of Delaware. Students will be responsible for compiling their findings into a final report and presentation to the Health District and City staff.
- MORPC participated in the following safety committee meetings and events:
 - Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review meeting on February 1, 2024
 - Franklin County Safe Communities Coalition meeting on February 7, 2024
 - Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee meeting on February 7, 2024
 - Ohio Association of Regional Councils Transportation Safety Subcommittee meeting on February 8, 2024
 - Central Ohio Alliance for Safe Transportation meeting on February 15, 2024
 - Ohio Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Technical Council meeting on February 15, 2024

Technical Assistance Program:

- Work has begun with Franklin and Jefferson Townships to analyze existing conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists in each community.
- A stakeholder workshop with Jefferson Township has been scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Township office. Key community stakeholders and regional partners will join MORPC and Jefferson Township staff to discuss existing conditions and needs related to infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists in the township.

Infrastructure Funding:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The March amendment to the TIP was prepared.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

- The public comment period for the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds ended on February 23, 2024. One person submitted comments which is being reviewed.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

- On January 31, 2024, TRAC approved the draft list of awards for public comment through February 23, 2024. Seven (7) projects in the MPO region were recommended for a total of \$63 million in new funding:
 - LinkUS W Broad BRT
 - I-70 and Taylor Rd/SR 256 Interchanges
 - Alum Creek Dr.
 - I-270 and I-71 interchange (north side of Outerbelt)
 - I-71 and Sunbury Parkway and Interchange
 - SR 161/SR 37 Widening
 - I-70 Widening in Licking County
- TRAC will vote on the final awards and full 2024-2027 Major New Construction Program of projects on February 28, 2024.

Federal Competitive Programs

- Multiple grant applications are being submitted from the Central Ohio area for funds from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. These funds are managed by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). MORPC will be submitting a planning request to the RAISE program to help plan the expansion of the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) network from seven to fifteen counties – *Trail Towns in the Nation's Heartland*. MORPC is also providing various levels of support for four RAISE applications in Central Ohio.
 - The City of Columbus is requesting capital funds to develop the Linden Greenline trail.
 - The Franklin County Engineers Office is requesting capital funds to advance the Alum Creek Drive project from I-270 to Rickenbacker International.
 - The City of Heath is requesting planning funds to study the development of the Thornwood Drive Corridor.
 - The City of Lancaster is requesting planning funds to study the development of their East Side Industrial Connector.

Money Mondays

- The following Money Mondays sessions were held:
 - January 29: AARP Community Challenge Grants

- February 5: All Ohio Future Fund
- February 12: Legislative Priorities for Central Ohio
- February 26: Historic Preservation Funding

Economic Development

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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)/ Economic Development District:

- The Economic Development team is creating a framework and benchmarking with other Economic Development Districts to advise the creation of the Economic Development Governing Board. This Board will be the next step in the development of the Economic Development District. This outreach has included conversations with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Mid America Regional Council, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, and Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization. The Board will focus on advancing the implementation of the CEDS through regional alignment, short and long-term planning, and seeking grant funding. Per EDA regulations, the board must represent the principal economic interests in the region.
- The US EDA has invited MORPC to apply for its first Partnership Planning grant award. The application is due March 1. The 1-year grant provides resources to Economic Development Districts to continue their Comprehensive Economic Development planning program.
- The Economic Development Team released its first MORPC Drive Investment Newsletter. This newsletter updates subscribers on current Economic Development District projects, key funding opportunities, upcoming events, and related Central Ohio programs. Please use the following link to subscribe to the newsletter: [Drive Investment Newsletter](#).
- The Economic Development webpage is now live and can be accessed here: [Economic Development](#).

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP):

- The Economic Development team will partner closely with stakeholders to expand the CAP program's scope to account for priorities in programmatic areas outside transportation. Broadening this scope will help enhance the interrelatedness between infrastructure and economic development in Central Ohio.
- MORPC leadership referred to the Competitive Advantage Projects when meeting with Central Ohio's Congressional Representatives in February. These one-page project descriptions were presented to legislative representatives to communicate the inventory of transformational projects that need funding.

Brownfield Assessments:

- The Economic Development Team met with MORPC's Brownfields consultant, SME, to discuss MORPC's pending Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield grant application. Updates from the EPA on MORPC's 2024 Brownfield Assessment application are expected later this year.

Drive Investment Portal:

- The portal was launched at the December Commission meeting to help MORPC members navigate and leverage available funding avenues. The portal includes information on active and projected grant and loan programs from federal, state, and local organizations, tailored to accommodate diverse projects and funding requirements. For the month of January, the Drive Investment Portal had 162 unique visits. Please use the following link to access the portal: [Drive Investment Portal](#).
- The Village of Alexandria used the Drive Investment Portal to contact MORPC regarding United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) funding opportunities. The team is currently scheduling a meeting with USDA-Rural Development's Ohio Office and the Mayor of Alexandria to discuss potential avenues for funding various village projects.

- The Village of Minerva Park submitted a Partnership Request to MORPC using the Drive Investment Portal. This partnership requests MORPC's support for the Village of Minerva Park's Safe Routes to School grant application. The team connected the Village of Minerva Park's Administrator to MORPC's safety team.

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Community Development

Central Ohio Greenways:

- The COG Board met on January 24, 2024 to welcome new Board Members, as well as to review and approve updates to the Regional Trail Vision. Also on the agenda were MORPC program and COG Working Group Updates.
- In 2024, the COG Trail Towns Working Group will support the implementation of the COG Trail Town Framework. The group will meet every other month and is co-chaired by Kari Kaufman, Experience Columbus and Laura Ball, Westerville Parks & Recreation.
- The Trail Development Working Group is chaired by Kelly Scocco, City of Columbus, and will also meet every other month. The group will primarily focus on advancing the Regional Trail Vision. Goals for the year include expanding the vision to MORPC's full 15 county area; expanding trail plans to accommodate anticipated growth in the Intel area; and encouraging collaborative funding applications.
- The Outdoor Trails Pass partnership with Experience Columbus was originally launched in 2020 and has been upgraded annually with new features every spring. In 2023, we saw a significant increase in the number of people interacting with and using the pass. Much of the increase can be contributed to the inclusion of curated trail experience itineraries. This Spring the curated experiences will be further enhanced through a partnership with local tourism groups. Local tourism groups have submitted trail itineraries that include stops at trail side businesses, restaurants, and cultural amenities. These new curated experiences will be highlighted in the 2024 Outdoor Trails Pass, launching on Celebrate Trails Day, April 27, 2024.
- MORPC will convene the COG Trail Closure and Detours Steering Committee in the Spring to develop guidelines for managing and communicating trail closures and detours. The committee will meet monthly for 6 months. Participation interest should be submitted to Melinda Vonstein (mvonstein@morpc.org) by end of March 2024.
- 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.
- MORPC will convene the COG Mapping Natural Assets Steering Committee this Spring. The group will advise the Mapping Natural Assets project funded by The Columbus Foundation to provide data to support holistic decision-making around how development impacts the sustainability of our region's watersheds.

Central Ohio Blueways:

- The Community Development Team is working on further updates to the Central Ohio Blueways website to include information from "Be the Change" to encourage additional awareness of stewardship for our water resources. Interactive mapping updates are currently in progress and will be updated on the Central Ohio Blueways website in the coming months. Updates will include more informative

mapping and PDF downloads of the main waterways (Scioto River, Olentangy River, Alum Creek, and Big Walnut Creek).

Regional Housing Strategy (RHS):

Outreach

- Conversations around housing issues continue with MORPC member communities. The Community Development Team is continuing to promote housing to members through connections with MORPC's Community Assistance Programs and by giving presentations to councils and other organizations.
- The Community Development Team is also actively participating in the development of a national Housing Working Group through the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) to further the conversation on housing solutions by learning from – and sharing work with – our regional peers.

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

- MORPC is currently working with three communities on the utilization of the Consultant Services Program to assist with the RFP process for both Comprehensive Plan Updates and Zoning Codes. The Program has reopened prequalification for additional Consultants, and includes services related to economic development activities, and specializations in public engagement in 2024.

Planner Pool Program

- Members are invited to submit applications for assistance from the Planner Pool Program. Four communities have reached out to request assistance through the Planner Pool Program in areas ranging from design guides and the refinement of sustainability goals to planning and zoning assistance. With workflows increasing in the Program, MORPC members are encouraged to reach out to discuss any potential areas of assistance as soon as possible to ensure that the Planning Team is able to accommodate any community needs as efficiently as possible.
- If you're interested in additional assistance with extracurricular planning activities, filling staff vacancies during vacation, assistance with gaps in staffing, or other guidance with best practices, contact Jonathan Miller (jmiller@morpc.org) to schedule a time to discuss your communities potential needs and ways that MORPC may be able to assist.

Sustainability

Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- The next SAC meeting will take place on March 20, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at MORPC. The agenda will include updates on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, the Regional Sustainability Agenda, and discussion for shaping sustainability-focused education and communications. The MORPC team continued to work toward wrapping up member appointments for the 2024 term.

Sustainable2050:

Member Engagement

- The first quarterly Sustainable2050 meeting of 2024 occurred on February 15, 2024 at MORPC. The agenda included MORPC program updates, discussion of the Sustainability Leaders Listen survey results, and priority topics for 2024. Members suggested a focus on communication and storytelling at the next meeting to elevate the great work of our Sustainable2050 members across the region. Sustainable2050 membership and tier status certification is open to MORPC members. Current Sustainable2050 members interested in earning their tier status certification should contact Brandi Whetstone at bwhetstone@morpc.org. A certification workbook will be provided, and a kick-off meeting is encouraged to review the process. The deadline for completed workbooks is May 3, 2024 to be considered at the June Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting. The next Sustainable2050 meeting will take place on May 9, 2024 at 9:30am.

Water Resources Program:

Sustaining Scioto Board

- The Sustaining Scioto Board met on February 28, 2024. Board members were updated on the Farming for Clean Water in the Upper Scioto watershed. The project is focused on developing a communication plan targeted at agricultural communities and aimed at increasing awareness of climate change impacts on water, as well as increasing awareness and support for farmer adoption of water quality practices and public and private sector investments. The Board will meet again on April 24, 2024.

Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team

- The working team will meet on March 21, 2024.

208 Water Resources Planning

- MORPC staff continues to hold stakeholder meetings with officials in both Licking and Delaware counties as part of the water resource planning work on behalf of Ohio EPA. The goal is for communities and sewer service providers to agree on current and future wastewater planning areas as part of updating the state's Water Quality Management Plan or 208 plan. MORPC will soon be submitting GIS data to Ohio EPA for other counties in the region.

Energy & Air Quality:

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

- The Energy and Air Quality Working Group (EAQWG) met on February 29 and will continue to meet on a quarterly basis. The agenda included updates on funding opportunities and MORPC programming, with continued discussions on which topics to focus on for 2024. The EAQWG continues to recruit for candidates interested in serving as either Chair or Vice-Chair. The Chair of the working group is also represented on the Sustainability Advisory Committee. Please email recommendations to Brian Filiatraut, bfiliatraut@morpc.org, MORPC's Energy and Sustainability Program Manager. The next meeting will take place on May 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Air quality specific activities

- No Air Quality Alerts have been issued for the Columbus region since July 2023. MORPC's annual end of season report is currently under development and will be released on March 1, 2024.

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project/US EPA Project

- The team continues to move forward with the US EPA air monitoring project: Forty new low-cost PurpleAir sensors arrived at MORPC on January 23, 2024. Testing has been with the project sensors, to compare them against the Ohio EPA's regulatory monitors, in order to validate their performance.

In December, U.S. EPA approved the Quality Assurance Project Plan and we can now begin data collection. The team will be hosting their next project advisory committee (PAC) meeting on March 13, 2024.

Education & Outreach

- On January 30, 2024 members of the MORPC sustainability team attended the first Human Services & Climate Researcher Community Conversation, hosted by the Human Services Chamber of Franklin County and the OSU Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center. The event brought together Columbus-area climate change researchers, practitioners, and experts for an evening of learning and networking.

Energy specific activities

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG):* The MORPC team 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 informed by the CPRG Strategy Subcommittee (CSS), which met in February to learn more about the status of the Priority Climate Action Plan (due March 1, 2024) and the projects that will be submitted for the regional implementation funding application (due April 1, 2024). The Columbus and MORPC teams are putting forward a proposal that integrates the LinkUS W. Broad St. Mobility Corridor and the Regional Community Energy Strategy (ReCES), which will provide solar installations on publicly owned buildings throughout the 10-county Columbus MSA. The MORPC team hosted a ReCES informational meeting on February 22, 2024 for members interested in pursuing solar. Please reach out to Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org if you're interested in participating.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund:

Application Process

- The Clean Ohio Conservation Fund has about \$5 million available for FY 2025. Preliminary screeners are encouraged and due on June 3, 2024. Final applications are due on August 30, 2024. For more information, please contact Edwina Teye at eteye@morpc.org or visit our website at [Clean Ohio Conservation Fund – MORPC.org](https://www.morpc.org/cleanohio)

Data, Mapping & Modeling

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Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC):

- RDAC met January 23, 2024 to review and advise on the activities and S.M.A.R.T. goals of the four new working groups intended to focus on various aspects of the 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda, and ensure all necessary preparations are in place for Data Day 2024, which was held on February 7, 2024. RDAC's focus in 2024 will be on the areas of Workforce & Job Quality, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Cybersecurity, and Regional Data Coaches projects and initiatives.

Working Groups

Data Day Working Group

- The Data Day Working Group's efforts throughout 2023 came to fruition with the second sold out Data Day event on February 7, 2024. The event saw over 170 attendees from many industry sectors at the Ohio University's Dublin Integrated Education Center. Initial responses to the attendee survey were extremely positive. The Data Day Working Group will meet again on March 6, 2024 to review the attendee survey feedback and begin planning for Data Day 2025.

Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG)

- Preparations are underway for the first quarter 2024 RIDG meeting. Ethan Hug and Bill Lafayette will present on topics related to housing. The dates tentatively set for the RIDG Steering Committee (SC) meetings and General RIDG meetings are: SC – January 30, April 8, July 9, October 8; General – March 6, May 29, August 14, November 13. The RIDG chair and staff lead will meet prior to each SC meeting to discuss planning for the next meeting.

Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG)

- COGUG met on Feb 21, 2024. Approximately 55 people were in attendance. Local updates included news from OGRIP (Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program), ODOT and local counties. These covered OGRIP's new data hub, the completion of the statewide LBRS by ODOT. Dave Dixon shared MORPC's new RDAC interest form to those members of Central Ohio's geospatial data community that might be interested in joining. The Cities of Hilliard and Columbus showcased their new utilities collaboration efforts. Adam Porr shared a useful method for procuring geospatial data from online sources that may not publish data in conventional ways. Bryan O'Reilly from Burgess and Niple presented his method for forecasting regional demographic changes in the Akron area. The next meeting will be on May 15, 2024.

Regional Data Coaches Working Group

- The working group hosted an unconference session during Data Day to engage with the community, seek feedback, and begin recruiting data coaches. Several individuals expressed interest in joining to either serve as a coach, receive coaching, or both when the project pilot stage is reached later this year.

Workforce and Job Quality Working Group

- The working group hosted an unconference session during Data Day to engage with the community, seek feedback, and begin recruiting working group members. The session was attended by approx. 12 participants who provided helpful feedback to the working group about the different nuances of job quality from the supply-side and demand-side perspectives and challenges of measurement and adoption.

Data Management:

- The team kicked off planning efforts related to a new open data platform known as "MORPC Insights", which will provide better access to data that MORPC routinely works with, summarized at the regional, county, and municipal level. Regional and county data will be accompanied by commentary to explain key insights arising from the data. A Data Management Intern has been hired to support this initiative.

Data Analytics, Mapping, and Research:

- Team members remain focused on preparing inputs for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The team is currently focused on generating data and figures to be included in the body of the report and select appendices.

Data & Research Activities

- Sustainability, Data, and Communications & Engagement team members collaborated to produce the Leaders Listen: Housing survey – the third in the series. Working with Measurement Resources Company (MRC) and The Columbus Dispatch, we aim to collect responses from over 2,000 area residents across 140 ZIP Codes. Over 1,400 responses have been received so far, and preliminary findings from these responses will be presented at the 2024 State of the Region event on March 15, 2024. An "Actionable Insights" report similar to recent Transportation and Sustainability reports will be produced to share the results with Central Ohio stakeholders in the coming months.
- Team members continue to manage the organization's air quality sensors in support of the EPA air quality monitoring grant. PurpleAir, the organization which provides a central repository for the air quality data, recently began charging for retrieval of the data, therefore the team is revising the data processing scripts to minimize the incurred costs.

- Team members supported the creation of a Tree Equity Score Analyzer by providing current and future land use data to provide context to support tree planting decisions. The tool was commissioned by Green Columbus and developed by American Forests and is now available for public use. See [here](#).
- Upcoming updates to standard data products:
 - Key ACS 2022 5-year estimate data for MORPC counties will be published on the Population Hub with new and improved user interface improvement (early March)
 - County-level population estimates as of Jan 1, 2024 (April)
 - Net migration by county (domestic and international) (April)

Mapping Activities

- MTP forecasts web map was created and published to share 2050 data and can be accessed here: [MOOD MTP 2024-2050 Forecasts](#). The MTP project web map was updated and refreshed in late January with candidate projects.
- Staff provided GIS work to many different projects, including the Capital Bills map to the Columbus Partnership for Democratic legislative meetings, updated 208 county maps, or active transportation network data updates and testing, among many others.

Modeling Activities

- The Modeling Team completed coding and evaluating all MTP projects.
- Team members supported member projects including conducting core modeling work related to the Ganton Parkway Project, the North Knot project, and provided updated model information for the Pataskala thoroughfare plan as well as ODOT SR 161 US 62 to Newark modeling.
- The traffic count program was maintained, response was provided for traffic growth rate requests, and a methodology was developed for the travel demand model expansion project.
- MTP-related work by the modeling team includes:
 - Model of Record update
 - MTP performance measures benchmark development using model and big data
 - Air Quality Conformity analysis for MTP
 - Environmental Justice analysis
 - LCATS MTP scenario modeling

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

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News Releases:

- [MORPC Awarded Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Funding](#) (1/22/2024)
- [Public Comments to be Accepted on Updates to Two Regional Transportation Funding Policies](#) (1/22/2024)
- [MORPC To Amend 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to Reflect COTA Changes](#) (2/1/2024)
- [MORPC Launches Latest “Leaders Listen” Survey Focused on Housing in Central Ohio](#) (2/6/2024)
- [Public Invited to Review Proposed Transportation Projects](#) (2/16/2024)

MORPC in the News:

- [Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission \(MORPC\) Awarded Electric Charger Accelerated Funding](#) (1/22/2024)
- [Study finds Columbus could get millions of dollars from passenger rail expansion](#) (1/24/2024)
- [Amtrak expansion studies to get rolling; Cincy to Cleveland route through Columbus eyed](#) (1/24/2024)
- [STUDY: New Amtrak service would create millions in economic benefits to Greater Columbus](#) (1/25/2024)
- [Study predicts significant economic impact of passenger rail in Ohio](#) (1/29/2024)
- [COTA, marking its 50th anniversary, plans major improvements – and a sales tax increase](#) (1/29/2024)
- [Funding approved toward construction of \\$2 billion John Glenn airport terminal](#) (1/29/2024)
- [Columbus Housing Market Forecast](#) (1/31/2024)
- [Marysville, MORPC Need Your Input For Roadway Safety Action Plan](#) (2/6/2024)
- [Central Ohio Residents Sound Off: Survey Gauges Opinions on Housing Needs](#) (2/6/2024)
- [MORPC launches latest ‘Leaders Listen’ survey focused on housing in central Ohio](#) (2/7/2024)
- [Survey to help improve roadway safety - Knox Pages](#) (2/7/2024)
- [Mount Vernon asked to complete roadway safety survey](#) (2/7/2024)
- [Housing crisis looms over Columbus' self-proclaimed reputation as the “Silicon Heartland”](#) (2/7/2024)
- [Columbus populations grew faster than any U.S. city in second half of 2023, study says](#) (2/16/2024)
- [Report: Columbus MSA #1 in net population change](#) (2/16/2024)
- [New COTA, Transport Workers Union contract includes 16% pay raise over three years](#) (2/1/2024)
- [Ohio State experts explore role of arts, sciences in promoting economic opportunity](#) (2/9/2024)
- [Passenger rail in Ohio could bring significant economic growth | 10tv.com](#) (2/1/2024)
- [ODOT approves \\$61 million in road projects in Franklin, Licking and Fairfield Counties for 2024](#) (2/2/2024)

- [MORPC to amend 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to reflect COTA changes \(2/2/2024\)](#)
- [Amtrak has big plans for Ohio | News, Sports, Jobs - Tribune Chronicle \(tribtoday.com\)](#)
- [Train report encouraging | News, Sports, Jobs - The Times Leader \(timesleaderonline.com\) \(2/2/2024\)](#)
- [Intel postpones launch date of Ohio's chip-manufacturing site \(2/3/2024\)](#)
- [Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Awarded Electric Charger Accelerator Funding \(2/5/2024\)](#)
- [Support for passenger rail is picking up speed in Ohio. But there's still far to go \(2/7/2024\)](#)
- [Dublin passenger rail? Suburbs and small towns seek to be part of Ohio's Amtrak expansion \(2/12/2024\)](#)
- [Public invited to review proposed transportation projects \(2/16/2024\)](#)
- [New, extended Amtrak service in Ohio a long-haul for planners, politicians \(2/19/2024\)](#)
- [Columbus included in two new proposed long-distance Amtrak routes \(2/20/2024\)](#)
- [Cities across Ohio looking to become part of Amtrak expansion \(2/20/2024\)](#)

Digital Content:

Social Media: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn:

- Air Quality Alerts, Careers/Jobs, Internships, 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, Ohio Loves Transit Week, NARC Conference, Black History Month, Distracted Driving, CORPO Dedicated Funds Program, Consulting Services, Leaders Listen Survey, LinkUS, President's Day & MORPC News.

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Diversity & Inclusion:

- MORPC recognized Black History Month through a social media campaign which highlighted the incredible contributions of Black historical figures, including Thurgood Marshall, Robert Robinson Taylor, Katherine Johnson, and others.
- Senior Director of Communications & Engagement, Niel Jurist, moderated and was on a recent webinar, hosted by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), on the topic of the Justice40 Initiative (J40). Alongside national experts from the USDOT, U.S. EPA, and U.S. EDA, Niel shared information about MORPC's efforts to advocate for historically marginalized, overburdened, and underserved communities through its work to elevate J40 in its planning efforts. Nearly 175 people attended from 36 different states and 127 distinct agencies and organizations. [Learn more about J40 here.](#)

- On February 12, 2024 MORPC hosted the Columbus Regional Justice40 Training Session for local nonprofit and government leaders from across Central Ohio. Facilitated by consultant Cityfi and in partnership with COTA and the Columbus Partnership. The three-hour training provided attendees with information about J40, as well as tools and techniques for incorporating its principles into their organizations' practices.
- MORPC's Senior Director of Communications & Engagement and DE&I and Outreach Officer facilitated a breakout session at MORPC's 2024 Data Day. The session, titled "DEI in Data," was an "unconference" session, providing attendees with an interactive, hands-on discussion of how DE&I intersects with data.

Public Involvement & Engagement:

- MORPC promoted the following requests for public input through social media and on our website:
 - 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP): [2/20](#)
 - CORPO Dedicated Funds Program: [2/7](#),
 - Leaders Listen Survey: [2/1](#), [2/6](#), [2/17](#),
 - Application for Consulting Services: [2/5](#)
 - Transportation Improvement Plan Amendments: [2/1](#),
 - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant: [1/24](#), [1/30](#),
 - Attributable Transportation Funding & Complete Streets: [1/24](#), [2/22](#)

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.
- To celebrate Ohio Loves Transit Week (February 11 –17), MORPC proudly showcased our Gohio Mobility and Gohio Commute programs, alongside advocating for critical transit initiatives including COTA, LinkUS, and Passenger Rail.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Eileen Leuby, Member Services Officer – eleuby@morpc.org

Events:

- MORPC hosted 24 Ohio State University City and Regional Planning students on February 6, 2024 to discuss career opportunities.
- Speakers from the Columbus Regional Airport Authority were present at a pre-Commission luncheon on Thursday, February 8, 2024. Joseph Nardone – President & CEO, along with Kristen Easterday – Director of Communications and Public Affairs, presented a preview of the new terminal plans. A new website, CMHNext.com, is now available. This website provides a first look at the new terminal, news & updates, as well as in-depth project planning information. Anyone interested in more information is also welcome to contact Ms. Easterday at keasterday@columbusairports.com.
- For the Local Summer Government Intern Program there have been over 200 applicants and 46 intern requests. Allison Mancz started on February 13, 2024 as the new part-time Intern Program Coordinator. She will be able to provide year-round focus on the growing program.
- On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, MORPC hosted community planners, local government officials, and school administrators for a *Planning Together – Local Governments and Schools* luncheon.
- MORPC representatives visited the following members in February: City of Whitehall (2/21/24); Etna Township (2/21/24); Meta Solutions (2/28/24); Perry County Commissioners (2/28/24); City of Heath (2/28/24); City of Pataskala (2/28/24); and the Village of Hebron (2/28/24).
- MORPC also continued to send representatives to various State of the City/Village/Township/County. Representatives attended the following: Lancaster (2/15/24); Reynoldsburg (2/15/24); City of Delaware (2/28/24); Mount Vernon (2/29/24); City of Marysville (3/4/24).
- The Northwest Central Ohio Area Regional Planning Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at noon at Dublin Recreation Center at 5600 Post Road, Dublin, OH 43017. As a part of MORPC's continuing efforts to encourage information-sharing and collaboration within its membership, these luncheons are ideal for public officials, local government officials, and community partners who focus on transportation, development, community planning, and sustainability. Communities in Union County, Logan County, West Delaware County, North Madison County, Marion County, and Northwest Franklin County are the focus for this luncheon. Registration is available [here](#) or you may contact Mike Borger at mborger@morpc.org.



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Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Director

DATE: February 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-2-24: **“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”**

Proposed Resolution T-2-24 will add or modify 7 projects to the SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$409 million. Additionally, this resolution will remove three projects from the TIP. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In April, 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 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. One project includes MORPC-attributable funding.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Chair

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Vice Chair

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Secretary



An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

COTA: – The following additions, removals, or modifications to the TIP are being made for COTA projects:

- PID 112116 – COTA High-Capacity Transit E Main St, Transit Expansion Capital: Adding \$8.1 million of FTA Sec. 5309 funds in SFY 2024. Attachment 1 includes current funding in the TIP, though future TIP amendments will further define funding for this project.
- PID 116500 – COTA High-Capacity Transit W Broad St, Transit Expansion Capital: Adding \$8.1 million of FTA Sec. 5309 funds in SFY 2024. This project includes a contribution of MORPC-Attributable Funds, though no changes to this commitment are being made at this time. Attachment 1 includes current funding in the TIP, though future TIP amendments will further define funding for this project.
- PID 118032 – COTA Plus Operating Expansion, Transit: Adding the allocation of \$5.25 million of FTA Sec. 5307 funds and \$7.875 million of local funds in SFY 2024.
- PID 118061 – COTA Electric Buses, Transit: Adding the award of \$13.8 million of FTA Sec. 5339 LowNo Emissions Grant funds and \$2.4 million of local match in SFY 2024. Removing \$12,038,092 of FTA Sec. 5307 funding in SFY 2025 and \$20,704,682 of FTA Sec. 5307 funding in SFY 2026.
- PID 120543 – Preventative Maintenance 2024-2027, Transit: Adding this project to the TIP with the allocation of \$57.4 million of FTA Sec. 5307 funds, \$3 million of state funds, and \$11.3 million of local funds.
- PID 121209 – SFY 2024 COTA OWMP Awards, Transit Activity: Adding this project to the TIP with the award of \$2.7 million of Ohio Workforce Mobility Program awards in SFY 2024 and \$675,000 of local match.
- PID 117641 – COTA Electric Infrastructure, Transit: Remove duplicate PID. These activities remain on the TIP under other projects.
- PID 105895 – COTA Paratransit Vehicles and Technology, Transit: Remove duplicate PID. These activities remain on the TIP under other projects.

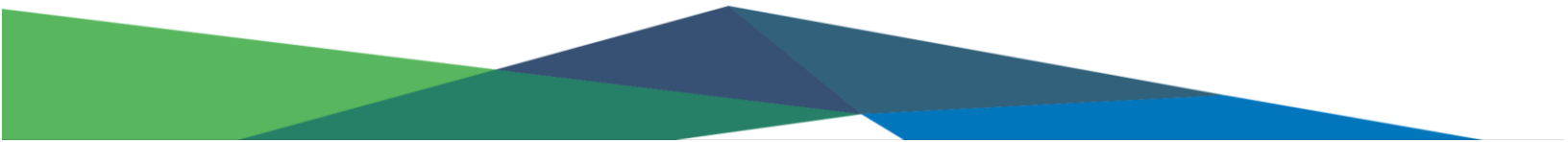
DCT: – The following removal from the TIP is being made for a DCT project:


- PID 118096 – DCT 2024 Expansion Vehicles, Transit: Remove PID from the TIP. These activities remain on the TIP under other projects.

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

- PID 120617 – US 62 from Smiths Mill Road to Clark Drive, Study and Preliminary Engineering: Adding this project to the TIP, with \$14 million for preliminary engineering in SFY 2024 and \$1 million for detailed design in SFY 2027.

The additions, removal, and modifications to the TIP via this amendment represent reallocation of existing funding as well as new funding being made available to local agencies. Below is a summary of the new funding being added to projects as part of this TIP amendment:





Funding Source	Amount of New Funding
FTA Section 5309 Capital Investment Program	\$16,269,200
FTA Section 5339 LowNo Emissions Grant	\$13,823,404
Ohio Workforce Mobility Program	\$2,700,000
Federal Multi-Lane Major Rehab	\$12,000,000
State Multi-Lane Major Rehab	\$3,000,000
Total	\$47,792,604

NTG:TG

Attachment: Resolution T-2-24



RESOLUTION T-2-24

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

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

WHEREAS, two project deletions from the 2024-2027 TIP have been identified as needed for COTA projects as listed in the resolved section; and

WHEREAS, one project deletion from the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for a DCT project as listed in the resolved section; 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 March 4, 2024, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 6, 2024 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 the COTA Electric Infrastructure PID 117641 and the COTA Paratransit Vehicles and Technology PID 105895 be removed from the MORPC SFY 2024-2027 TIP.
- Section 3. That the DCT 2024 Expansion Vehicles PID 118096 be removed from the MORPC SFY 2024-2027 TIP.
- Section 4. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2024-2027 TIP is maintained.
- Section 5. 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 6. 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 7. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.
- Section 8. 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, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

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

Attachment 2: TIP Amendment Project Location Map

Resolution T-2-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: COTA

PID: 112116

TIP ID: 156

MTP ID: 619

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA-High Capacity Transit

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Expansion Capital

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: COTA High Capacity Transit E Main St Corr, Transit Expansion Capital

Bike Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

Ped Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>ALI</u>
2024	Transit	Local	\$44,361,503	11.21.01
2024	Transit	Sec 5309	\$8,134,600	14.08.80
2025	Transit	Local	\$90,000,000	11.21.01
Total:			\$142,496,103	

Agency: COTA

PID: 116500

TIP ID: 173

MTP ID: 988

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA-High Capacity Transit

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Expansion Capital

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: COTA High Capacity Transit W Broad St Corr, Transit Expansion Capital

Bike Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

Ped Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>ALI</u>
2024	Transit	Sec 5309	\$8,134,600	14.08.80
2024	Transit	Local	\$44,361,503	11.21.01
2025	Right-of-Way	CMAQ-M	\$7,520,000	
2027	Construction	CMAQ-M	\$13,100,000	
Total:			\$73,116,103	

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G* indicates a grouped project.

Resolution T-2-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: COTA

PID: 118032

TIP ID: 319

MTP ID: 5

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

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: COTA Plus Operating Expansion, Transit

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	\$2,000,000	11.13.04
2024	Transit	Local	\$7,875,000	11.71.12
2024	Transit	Sec 5307	\$5,250,000	11.71.12
2025	Transit	Local	\$2,000,000	11.13.04
2026	Transit	Local	\$2,000,000	11.13.04
2027	Transit	Local	\$2,000,000	11.13.04
Total:			\$21,125,000	

Agency: COTA

PID: 118061

TIP ID: 326

MTP ID: 142

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA-Electric Buses

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: COTA Electric Buses - Full Route, Transit

Bike Components: Bicycle racks.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>ALI</u>
2024	Transit	Local	\$2,439,416	11.12.01
2024	Transit	Sec 5307	\$4,721,094	11.12.01
2024	Transit	Sec 5339	\$13,823,404	11.12.01
2024	Transit	Local	\$1,180,274	11.12.01
2025	Transit	Local	\$3,061,074	11.12.01
2025	Transit	Sec 5307	\$12,244,297	11.12.01
2026	Transit	Local	\$1,237,460	11.12.01
2026	Transit	Sec 5307	\$4,950,560	11.12.01
2027	Transit	Sec 5307	\$17,698,509	11.12.01
2027	Transit	Local	\$20,787,847	11.12.01
Total:			\$82,143,935	

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Resolution T-2-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: COTA

PID: 120543

TIP ID: 449

MTP ID: 200

Co-Route-Sec: COT-Prev Maint 2024-2027-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Activity

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: Prev Maint 2024-2027, 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	State	\$3,040,382	11.7A.00
2024	Transit	Local	\$2,131,938	11.7A.00
2024	Transit	Local	\$1,228,889	11.7A.00
2024	Transit	Sec 5307	\$8,527,750	11.7A.00
2024	Transit	Sec 5307	\$17,077,085	11.7A.00
2025	Transit	Local	\$3,067,559	11.7A.00
2025	Transit	Sec 5307	\$12,270,237	11.7A.00
2026	Transit	Local	\$4,890,994	11.7A.00
2026	Transit	Sec 5307	\$19,563,974	11.7A.00
Total:			\$71,798,808	

Agency: COTA

PID: 121209

TIP ID: 450

MTP ID: 5

Co-Route-Sec: -S2024 CITA OWMP Awards-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Activity

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: S2024 CITA OWMP Awards, Transit Activity

Bike Components: Yes - Type to be determined. Rickenbacker Mobility Center construction will include bike and pedestrian amenities.

Ped Components: Yes - Type to be determined. Rickenbacker Mobility Center construction will include bike and pedestrian amenities.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>ALI</u>
2024	Transit	Local	\$315,000	11.51.20
2024	Transit	STBG-S	\$250,000	11.53.20
2024	Transit	STBG-S	\$1,190,000	11.52.20
2024	Transit	STBG-S	\$1,260,000	11.51.20
2024	Transit	Local	\$62,500	11.53.20
2024	Transit	Local	\$297,500	11.52.20
Total:			\$3,375,000	

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Resolution T-2-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT

PID: 120617

TIP ID: 448

MTP ID: 144

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-US62-30.36

Length (mi.): 6.21

Project Type(s): Study/Preliminary Engineering

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: US 62 from Smiths Mill Road to Clark Drive, Study & Preliminary Engineering

Bike Components: Maybe - To be determined. Inclusion of a multi-use path is likely in the final project.

Ped Components: Maybe - To be determined. Inclusion of a multi-use path is likely in the final project.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Preliminary Engineering	Federal	\$11,200,000
2024	Preliminary Engineering	State	\$2,800,000
2027	Detailed Design	Federal	\$800,000
2027	Detailed Design	State	\$200,000
Total:			\$15,000,000

Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Local	Local Public Agency	\$235,298,457
CMAQ-M	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement, Attributable to MORPC	\$20,620,000
Federal	Multi-Lane Major Rehab	\$12,000,000
State	Multi-Lane Major Rehab	\$3,000,000
STBG-S	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to the State	\$2,700,000
State	State Transit Assistance	\$3,040,382
Sec 5309	Capital Investment Program	\$16,269,200
Sec 5339	Low or No Emission Vehicle	\$13,823,404
Sec 5307	Transit Formula Block Grants	\$102,303,506
Grand Total:		\$409,054,949

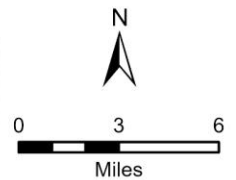
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Resolution T-2-24
Amendment to the TIP
Project Location Map

Please check www.morpc.org for updates to this map and project listing.



This map prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and local communities.

Construction Phase
after FY 2027
(Construction not part of TIP)



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The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources available to us which we believe to be reliable.
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