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PLANNING COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMISSION MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
TOWN HALL

Thursday, March 14, 2024
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1:30 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin, MORPC Chair)
 - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

Committees

4. **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Mark Forrest (Madison County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair
5. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Lourdes Barroso de Padilla (City of Columbus), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
6. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
7. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
 - a. **Call to Order** – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
 - b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report** – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
 - c. **2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director
 - d. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of **February 8, 2024 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - 2) **Proposed Resolution T-2-24: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”**
 - e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
8. **Commission Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of **February 8, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **Proposed Resolution 03-24: “Authorizing the executive director to contract with Sonoma Technology, Inc. to provide air quality forecasting services”**

- c. **Proposed Resolution 04-24:** “To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the City of Westerville for \$500,000 for a 12-month period to perform home repairs on owner occupied homes in the City of Westerville”
- d. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

9. Other Business

2:45 p.m. **10. Adjourn** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

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The next Commission Meeting is

Thursday, April 11, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

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Columbus, Ohio 43215

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MORPC Monthly Agency Report February 2024

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CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

Gohio Commute

Team Members participated in a transportation panel at the City of Columbus GreenSpot Sustainability workshop. Staff began the “Make Your Miles Matter” challenge (February-March) to encourage participation on the rideshare platform.

Team Members continue promoting the vanpool program at the Defense Supply Center and Ohio Means Jobs Fairfield County. Staff presented the Gohio Commute Program to the Marion Transportation Coalition to begin discussions on how MORPC can help their region with workforce transportation.

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, MORPC showcased our Gohio Mobility and Gohio Commute programs, alongside advocating for critical transit initiatives including COTA, LinkUS, and Passenger Rail.

Active Transportation Planning

MORPC hosted a February 2 all-day training to work on the ODOT Multimodal Design Guide. More than 50 regional professionals joined us to learn more about bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure design in Ohio.

The public comment period for the updated MORPC Complete Streets Policy closed February 23. Team Members will develop a disposition of comments for the few comments received.

MORPC hosts virtual group viewings of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) monthly Professional Development webinars. The 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 Wednesday, March 20, on: “*Quickly and Comprehensively Implementing a Major Shift in Transportation Design to Improve Safety and Encourage Active Transportation.*”

The Active Transportation Committee (ATC) met February 28. Meeting materials, including presentations, are available on the [ATC web page](#). The next ATC meeting is May 22, 10 a.m.-Noon.

MORPC participated in the February 9 steering committee kick-off meeting for the City of Gahanna Active Transportation Plan. Members of the steering committee discussed a vision and goals for the plan, as well as key strengths, challenges, and needs in the community. A public survey is open for input at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GahannaATP>.

Team Members took part in the February 27 [Health Works Franklin County](#) meeting 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 Ohio Wesleyan University public health program about the impacts of the built environment on public health. Team Members

will assist 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.

Team Members participated in the following safety committee meetings:

- Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review Meeting
- Franklin County Safe Communities Coalition Meeting
- Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee Meeting
- Ohio Association of Regional Councils Transportation Safety Subcommittee Meeting
- Central Ohio Alliance for Safe Transportation Meeting
- Ohio Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Technical Council Meeting

Technical Assistance Program

Team Members began working with Franklin and Jefferson Townships to analyze existing conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists in each community. A stakeholder workshop with Jefferson Township is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 6:30-8 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.

Central Ohio Blueways

Team Members are 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 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

MORPC continues to promote housing to members through connections with MORPC’s Community Assistance Programs and by giving presentations to councils and other organizations. Team Members are 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.

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).

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is March 20. The agenda includes updates on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, the Regional Sustainability Agenda, and discussion for shaping sustainability-focused education and communications. Team Members continue wrapping up member appointments for the 2024 term.

Sustainable2050

Sustainable2050 met February 15. 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 (May 9) to elevate the great work of our Sustainable2050 members across the region.

Sustainable2050 membership and tier status certification is open to MORPC members. Contact Brandi Whetstone at bwhetstone@morpc.org if interested in earning tier status certification. 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 to be considered at the June Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The Sustaining Scioto Board met February 28. 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 next meeting is April 24.

The next meeting of the Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team is March 21.

Energy & Air Quality

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met February 29 and heard updates on funding opportunities and MORPC Programming. They continued to discuss 2024 focus topics. The Working Group continues to recruit candidates interested in serving as either Chair or Vice-Chair. The Chair of the working group is also represented on the Sustainability Advisory Committee. Email recommendations to Brian Filiatraut, bfiliatraut@morpc.org, MORPC's Energy and Sustainability Program Manager. The next meeting is May 22.

MORPC's annual end of season air quality report was released March 1.

On January 30, MORPC Team Members 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.

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project/U.S. EPA Project

Forty new low-cost PurpleAir sensors arrived at MORPC in January. Project sensors are being tested 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 allowing us to begin data collection. The next project advisory committee (PAC) meeting is March 13.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

MORPC continues to collaborate with the City of Columbus and the rest of the core project team to lead regional planning and pollution mitigation actions. The regional efforts are informed by the CPRG Strategy Subcommittee, which met in February to learn more about the status of the Priority Climate Action Plan and the projects that will be submitted for the regional implementation funding application (due April 1). The proposal integrates the LinkUS W. Broad St. Mobility Corridor and the Regional Community Energy Strategy (ReCES), which provides solar installations on publicly owned buildings throughout the 10-county Columbus MSA. MORPC hosted a February 22 ReCES informational meeting for members interested in pursuing solar. Reach out to Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org if interested in participating.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

RDAC's 2024 focus is on the areas of Workforce & Job Quality; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Cyber Security; and Regional Data Coaches projects and initiatives.

- Data Day Working Group: The Working Group's 2023 efforts came to fruition with the second sold out Data Day on February 7. Over 170 attendees from many industry sectors participated in the event at the Ohio University's Dublin Integrated Education Center. Initial responses to the attendee survey were positive. The Working Group met March 6 to review survey feedback and begin planning for Data Day 2025.
- The Regional Data Coaches 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.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG): The Steering Committee meeting dates are January 30, April 8, July 9, and October 8. The general committee meeting dates are March 6, May 29, August 14, and November 13. Ethan Hug and Bill LaFayette presented on topics related to housing at the March 6 meeting.
- Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG): Approximately 55 people attended the February 21 meeting. Local updates included news from OGRIP (Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program), ODOT and local counties. Other items shared included MORPC's new RDAC interest form; the Cities of Hilliard and Columbus new utilities collaboration efforts; a useful method for procuring geospatial data from online sources that may not publish data in conventional ways, and a method for forecasting regional demographic changes in the Akron area. The next meeting is May 15.
- The Workforce and Job Quality Working Group hosted an unconference session during Data Day to engage with the community, seek feedback, and begin recruiting working group members. Participants provided feedback about the different nuances of job quality from the supply-side and demand-side perspectives and challenges of measurement and adoption.

Data & Research Activities

Team Members 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. Commentary will accompany regional and county data to explain key insights.

MORPC produced the Leaders Listen: Housing survey. Working with Measurement Resources Company (MRC) and The Columbus Dispatch, Team Members aim to collect responses from over 2,000 area residents across 140 ZIP Codes. Over 1,400 responses were received so far. The preliminary survey results will be presented at the 2024 State of the Region event on March 15. An “Actionable Insights” report will be produced to share the results with Central Ohio stakeholders in the coming months.

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 January 1, 2024 (April)
- Net migration by county (domestic and international) (April)

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

MORPC recognized Black History Month through a social media campaign which highlighted the contributions of Black historical figures, including Thurgood Marshall, Robert Robinson Taylor, Katherine Johnson, and others.

Team Members moderated and was on a recent Justice40 Initiative (J40) webinar, hosted by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). Alongside national experts from the U.S. DOT, U.S. EPA, and U.S. EDA, MORPC shared information on our efforts to advocate for historically marginalized, overburdened, and underserved communities through our work to elevate J40 in our planning efforts. Nearly 175 people attended from 36 different states and 127 distinct agencies and organizations. Learn more about J40 [here](#).

On February 12, 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.

Team Members facilitated a Data Day breakout session, titled “DEI in Data.” The “unconference” session provided attendees an interactive, hands-on discussion of how DE&I intersects with data.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Team Members published draft strategies and projects for public review and comment. Comments are accepted through March 29. Identified projects total approximately \$35 billion of investment in Central Ohio’s transportation system and include maintenance and operations of existing infrastructure; and expansion and improvement of transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and roadway components through the year 2050. Staff are giving presentations to MPO-area communities through March giving local bodies an opportunity to hear about the MTP and review projects identified in their areas. Fifty-four presentations are scheduled. The MTP Open House is March 19, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at MORPC. More information is available at www.morpc.org/mtp. The MTP forecasts web map sharing 2050 data is available here: [MOOD MTP 2024-2050 Forecasts](#).

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

MORPC Team Members are creating a framework and benchmarking with other Economic Development Districts to advise the creation of the Economic Development Governing Board. This Board is the next step in the development of the Economic Development District. Outreach 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 U.S. EDA invited MORPC to apply for its first Partnership Planning grant award. The application was due March 1. The one-year grant provides resources to Economic Development Districts to continue their Comprehensive Economic Development planning program.

MORPC released its first Drive Investment Newsletter. The newsletter updates subscribers on current Economic Development District projects, key funding opportunities, upcoming events, and related Central Ohio programs. Subscribe to the newsletter [here](#). The Economic Development webpage is available [here](#).

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

Team Members partner with stakeholders to expand the scope of the CAP program to account for needs in other programmatic areas. Broadening this scope will help enhance the interrelatedness between infrastructure and economic development in Central Ohio. MORPC leadership presented one-page CAP project descriptions to Central Ohio Congressional Representatives in February to communicate the inventory of transformational projects that need funding.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

Regional engagement and public outreach continues. 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.

Team Members identified additional rapid transit corridors to be studied through MORPC's MTP process. The three corridors recommended for further study 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 continues 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 going 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 needs to do a substantial amount of work to develop these corridors, with near-term implementation not expected until 2040.

Drive Investment Portal

The Drive Investment Portal helps MORPC members navigate and leverage available funding avenues and includes information on active and projected grant and loan programs from federal, state, and local organizations, tailored to accommodate diverse projects and funding requirements. The portal had 162 unique visits in January. Use the following link to access the portal: morpc.org/DIP.

Advocacy

Team Member met with members of the Central Ohio Congressional Delegation, Amtrak, and U.S. DOT in Washington, DC, February 14-15. Staff solicited letters of support for RAISE Grants from state and federal lawmakers.

Team Members led and planned a delegation of 20 regional thought leaders on a February 21-23 fact-finding trip to Florida to witness how regional leaders in Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale, and Miami expanded new and competitive passenger rail. The delegation engaged with the CEO from the Orlando International Airport, the President of Brightline, rode competitive passenger rail routes, met with passenger rail company executives, and explored technologies to improve passenger rail speed. They also learned how these regions attracted a high level of passenger rail service, built stations, and enhanced surrounding development along these corridors.

The February 29 Regional Policy Roundtable meeting featured special guest State Senator Andrew Brenner.

Mobility Management

The Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee (FCMAC) met in February and participated in a travel training for Ohio Loves Transit Week. Team Members gave a presentation as part of the Safe Routes to Age

in Place Mobility Series hosted by the Age Friendly Innovation Center. The presentation covered mobility management services, mobility needs for seniors, and included a discussion about mobility planning.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

The second round of applications for State Fiscal Years 2024 & 2025 CORPO Dedicated Funds closed February 9. The CORPO Funds Selection Committee will review and evaluate the applications to develop proposed funding commitments. The public comment period for the proposed funding commitments is March 18 to April 19. The funding commitments will be adopted by the CORPO Committee at their May 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 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 includes review of crash data and conditions for all roadway users. The public comment period for the draft Safety Action Plan is mid-March through mid-April. The plan will be adopted at the May CORPO Committee meeting.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

The public comment period for the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds ended February 23. Team Members are reviewing the comments submitted by one person.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

On January 31, TRAC approved the draft list of awards for public comment through February 23. Seven 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 Drive
- 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

The final awards and full 2024-2027 Major New Construction Program of projects vote was February 28.

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 (U.S. DOT). MORPC is 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 Engineer's 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.

Brownfield Assessments

Staff 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.

Money Mondays

MORPC hosted the following Money Monday sessions:

- January 29 – AARP Challenge Grants
- February 5 – All Ohio Future Fund
- February 12 – Legislative Priorities for Central Ohio
- February 26 – Historic Preservation Funding

Upcoming sessions:

- March 4 – State Rep. Latyna M. Humphrey

- March 11 – Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI)/LinkUS Update
- March 18 – MORPC's Economic Development Director and Innovation Officer
- March 25 – Grant Education Acronyms

PAY IT FORWARD

Membership Services

Staff is redesigning the Monthly Member newsletter to prioritize member services, benefits and events. The updated newsletter will launch in March.

The Educational Partnership opportunities continue to accelerate the number of member employees who are taking advantage of the significant discounts. Franklin University confirmed their program has soared as a result of MORPC's promotion efforts and they are witnessing a steady influx of new students. Ohio University's Governing Essentials Class drew a record 27 participants for the 2024 class.

Team Members completed seven member visits and attended five various State of the City/Village/Township/County events.

Local Government Summer Intern Program

MORPC received over 200 applicants and 46 intern requests for the Local Summer Government Intern Program. New part-time Intern Program Coordinator Allison Mancz began February 13 providing a year-round focus on the growing program.

Events

MORPC hosted/held the following events:

- February 6 – Ohio State University City and Regional Planning students to discuss career opportunities
- February 8 – Pre-Commission Luncheon with Columbus Regional Airport Authority's CEO, Joseph Nardone and Director of Communications and Public Affairs Kristen Easterday
- February 27 – Planning Together – Local Governments and Schools Luncheon

Upcoming Events

- March 15 – State of the Region, Hilton Columbus Downtown
- March 27 – Northwest Central Ohio Area Regional Planning Luncheon, Noon, Dublin Recreation Center, 5600 Post Road

Public Involvement & Engagement

MORPC promoted the following requests for public input through social media and on our website:

- 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- CORPO Dedicated Funds Program
- Leaders Listen Survey
- Application for Consulting Services
- Transportation Improvement Program Amendments
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- Attributable Transportation Funding & Complete Streets

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

Community-Based Planning Assistance

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

Consultant Services Program

MORPC is 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 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 MORPC is able to accommodate any community needs as efficiently as possible.

If you are 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.

Financial Updates

The annual financial audit has begun - this year performed by the Ohio Auditor of State's office. Previously MORPC's audits have been performed by independent public accounting firms (i.e., CPA firms), but this year the Auditor of State's office is performing the audit themselves.

MORPC in the News

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

Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:

- Intern Program Coordinator Allison Mancz began February 13
- Energy Auditor Dan Sutton began February 13
- Energy Auditor Kenyetieta Quinn began February 20
- Data Management Intern Oliver Gwynn began February 22

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Data Analyst
- Water Planning Intern
- GIS Intern
- Chief Regional Planning Officer

The requirements for the posted positions are available for review on the website at <http://www.morpc.org/careers/>.

RFP/RFQ Postings

The following RFP's/RFQ's were posted:

- HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Programs
- Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Programs

The full RFP/RFQs are available at <http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqs/>.



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2024
Time: 2:31 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong	Christine Houk	Kent Shafer
Chris Amorose Groomes	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Kimberly Sharp
Herb Asher	Laurie Jadwin	Sloan Spalding
Greg Betts	James Jewell	Ike Stage
Gary Burkholder	Emily Keeler	Joe Steager
Monica Connors	Ben Kessler	Joe Stefanov
Michelle Crandall	Bill LaFayette	Robyn Stewart
Christina Drummond	Kris Long	Andy Volenik
Kristen Easterday	Eric Meyer	Christie Ward
Brad Ebersole	Heidi Munc	Trenton Weaver
Dave Efland	Megan O'Callaghan	Nancy White
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Bernita Reese	Andrew Williams
Jeremiah Gracia	Ryan Rivers	Kenneth Wright
Dave Gulden	Michael Schadek	
Rebecca Hermann	Elissa Schneider	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Jeff Benton	Carol Kauffman	Chloe Siens-Núñez
Emily Cooner for Kevin	Rory McGuiness	Tim Wilson
Boyce	Erin Prosser	
Ben Collins	Stephen Sayre	

Commission Members Present in Person

Stephanie Bosco	Joy Evangelista	Matt Starr
Jamie Brucker	Jeff Hall	RC Wise
Ben Carpenter	Brittany Misner	
Franklin Christman	Nick Shultz	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Justin Dreier for Hayley	Mark Mauter	Tony Vogel
Lupton	Jeryne Peterson	Evelyn Warr-Omness
Terry Emery	Sean Staneart	
Mark Johns	Jim Stanley	

Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristy Hawthorne	Kristin Sutton
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MORPC Staff Present in Person

Parag Agrawal	Shawn Hufstedler	Padmini Roy-Dixon
Mike Borger	Niel Jurist	Shari Saunders
Todd Bradley	Eileen Leuby	Maria Schaper
Kerstin Carr	Kelsey Matson	Brandi Whetstone
Dave Dixon	Amanda McEldowney	Robert Williams
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	
Nick Gill	Kyle Probert	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

April Bumgardner	Brian Filiatraut	Karina Peggau
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Guests Present in Person

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, Regional Policy
Roundtable Chair
Grace Byler, Morrow County
Thea Ewing, HNTB
Mitch Graf, Iteris

Kyle Kridler, City of Delaware
Matt Peoples, City of Canal Winchester
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Meeting Called to Order – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

Chair Chris Amorose Groomes called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming

Parag Agrawal presented the [Metropolitan Planning Organization Report](#). Mr. Agrawal reported that seven projects submitted to the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) in 2024 are proposed for funding in the draft list released from ODOT on January 31. TRAC provides funding for major projects. The TRAC comment period is open until February 23. TRAC votes on the final list February 28.

As part of moving the LinkUS initiative forward, MORPC applied the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) process to identify two additional corridors to include in the MTP with the current three corridors. MORPC Team Members are also working closely with the Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Committees to move forward projects that will include around 400 miles of trails and sidewalk projects.

Resolution T-1-24 on the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda supports ODOT's safety performance measures that look for a two percent reduction in fatality rate and serious injuries and creating an overall safer environment for roadway users in Central Ohio.

Mr. Agrawal shared there was significant turnover in the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). We have ten new members out of twenty-four. The CAC is a diverse group with a lot of experience and knowledge that provides recommendations.

MORPC is working closely with team members from Fort Wayne, Pennsylvania, and the Federal Rail Administration on key items to address before working on a planning study for Midwest Connect (connecting Chicago, Fort Wayne, Columbus, Pittsburgh). We are also working with various state agencies on other alignments going through the Central Ohio region. MORPC is hosting the Passenger Rail Committee that will help support passenger rail initiatives. If interested in serving on this committee, contact Mr. Agrawal or William Murdock.

2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director

Nick Gill presented the [2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#) and reminded members of what the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is and why it is important. MORPC Team Members are in the final stages preparing the plan that is updated every four years. Transportation projects need to be included in the MTP to receive federal dollars. Team Members continue to work

on performance measures, benchmarks, and targets. A few components of the \$35 billion plan include:

- Maintaining what we have
- Transit
- Expanding capacity

The draft project list is available on MORPC's website. Team Members are visiting communities to present the draft plan (54 scheduled so far). The full draft document will be out for public comment March 1-31. There is an Open House at MORPC on March 19. The plan will be presented to the Transportation Committee Policy in May for adoption.

Attributable Funds/Complete Streets Policies – Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director

Nick Gill presented the [Attributable Funds/Complete Streets Policies Updates](#). MORPC Attributable Funds follows a two-year cycle. Year one we go through the process of soliciting projects and year two we review and update the policy. We put the companion Complete Streets Policy on the same review/update cycle. Mr. Gill provided a summary of the major changes for both policies. MORPC will report more often to the Community Advisory Committee and the Transportation Advisory Committee on projects that go through the Attributable Funds and Complete Streets process. The public comment period for both policies is open through February 23. Both policies will be presented for adoption in May.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Joe Stefanov made a motion to accept the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

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

Ben Kessler, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Director

DATE: March 7, 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

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
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	

Funds in FYs prior to 2024 are not included in this report nor in the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

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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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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

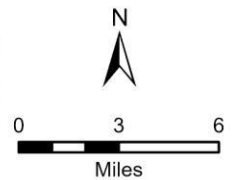
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Resolution T-2-24
Amendment to the TIP
Project Location Map

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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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Commission Members Present in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong	Dave Gulden	Michael Schadek
Chris Amorose Groomes	Jeff Hall	Elissa Schneider
Herb Asher	Rebecca Hermann	Kent Shafer
Greg Betts	Christine Houk	Nick Shultz
Stephanie Bosco	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Sloan Spalding
Jamie Brucker	Laurie Jadwin	Ike Stage
Gary Burkholder	James Jewell	Matt Starr
Ben Carpenter	Emily Keeler	Joe Steager
Franklin Christman	Ben Kessler	Joe Stefanov
Monica Conners	Bill LaFayette	Robyn Stewart
Michelle Crandall	Kris Long	Andy Volenik
Christina Drummond	Eric Meyer	Christie Ward
Brad Ebersole	Brittany Misner	Trenton Weaver
Dave Efland	Heidi Munc	Nancy White
Joy Evangelista	Megan O'Callaghan	Andrew Williams
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Bernita Reese	RC Wise
Jeremiah Gracia	Ryan Rivers	Kenneth Wright

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Jeff Benton	Mark Johns	Chloe Siens-Núñez
Emily Cooner for Kevin Boyce	Carol Kauffman	Sean Staneart
Ben Collins	Mark Mauter	Jim Stanley
Justin Dreier for Hayley Lupton	Rory McGuinness	Tony Vogel
Terry Emery	Jeryne Peterson	Evelyn Warr-Omness
	Erin Prosser	Tim Wilson
	Stephen Sayre	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Kristen Easterday	Kimberly Sharp
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Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristy Hawthorne	Kristin Sutton
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MORPC Staff Present in Person

Parag Agrawal	Shawn Hufstedler	Padmini Roy-Dixon
Mike Borger	Niel Jurist	Shari Saunders
Todd Bradley	Eileen Leuby	Maria Schaper
Kerstin Carr	Kelsey Matson	Brandi Whetstone
Dave Dixon	Amanda McEldowney	Robert Williams
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	
Nick Gill	Kyle Probert	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

April Bumgardner	Brian Filiatraut	Karina Peggau
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Guests Present in Person

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, Regional Policy Roundtable Chair	Mitch Graf, Iteris
Grace Byler, Morrow County	Kyle Kridler, City of Delaware
Thea Ewing, HNTB	Matt Peoples, City of Canal Winchester
	Cornell Robertson

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Lonnie Watson, CAC
Brent Welch, FCEO

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

Interim Chair Chris Amorose Grooms called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Interim Chair Amorose Grooms recognized and thanked members retiring or resigning from the Executive Committee and/or Commission:

- Franklin Christman
- Jennifer Gallagher
- Greg Lestini
- Cornell Robertson
- Chris Harkness

Mr. Christman shared he is humbled by being a part of MORPC. It keeps finding and enhancing new opportunities. That is due to members' participation and MORPC staff. He is sad to be leaving.

Mr. Robertson shared three things he learned from his over thirty years at the Engineers office: passion, power of diverse teamwork, simple thing of trying to just help people solve problems.

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

Interim Secretary Ben Kessler shared the Nominating Committee met multiple times to put together the slate presented today. There is a new name on the slate, LaGrieta Acheampong, for the Franklin County seat. Nominating Committee members are Ben Kessler (Chair), Jeff Benton, Mike Schadek, Franklin Christman and Nancy White. The Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations:

- Nominees for Officers for renewed one-year term (expires 2025)
 - Chair – Chris Amorose Grooms, Mayor, City of Dublin
 - Vice-Chair – Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard
 - Secretary – Ben Kessler, Mayor, City of Bexley
- Nominees for Executive Committee – renewal of one-year term (expires 2025)
 - Joe Stefanov, Chair of Benefits & Compensation Committee, City Manager, City of New Albany
 - Nancy White, Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, Fiscal Officer, Mifflin Township
 - Chirs Amorose Grooms, Mayor, City of Dublin
- Nominee for Executive Committee – renewal of two-year term (expires 2026)
 - Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard
- Nominees for Executive Committee – new two-year term (expires 2026)
 - Kris Long, Deputy Director, Franklin County
 - LaGrieta Acheampong, Franklin County
 - Laurie Jadwin, Mayor, City of Gahanna
 - Matthew Starr, Mayor, City of Mount Vernon
 - Hayley Lupton, Administrator, Village of Plain City
 - Vacant (Forthcoming for consideration later in 2024)

Election of Officers and Executive Committee – Chirs Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Interim Chair

Interim Chair Amorose Grooms opened the floor for nominations; no nominations were made. Emily Keeler made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee recommendations, second by Kris Long; motion passed.

Chair Amorose Grooms welcomed returning and new Executive Committee Members. She thanked those who previously served on the Executive Committee.

In keeping with tradition, Chair Amorose Grooms passed the practice baseballs to Secretary Ben Kessler to do the honors of throwing the first pitch at MORPC Night at the Clippers this year.

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

Eileen Leuby welcomed new Commission representatives and guests:

- Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, Columbus City Council
- Joe Steger, City of Canal Winchester
- Trenton Weaver, City of Gahanna
- Greg Betts, Hilliard City Council
- Heidi Munc, Upper Arlington City Council
- David Efland, City of Westerville
- Rebecca Hermann, Worthington City Council
- Brittany Misner, Village of Hebron
- LaGrieta Acheampong, Franklin County
- Kyle Kridler, City of Delaware
- Matt Peoples, City of Canal Winchester
- Mitch Graf, Iteris
- Thea Ewing, HNTB

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

William Murdock congratulated the Officers and Executive Committee on their election. They give extra to help guide the Commission's work and make certain your voices are heard around the region. Mr. Murdock also congratulated Cornell Robertson, Franklin Christman and Chris Harkness.

Mr. Murdock introduced MORPC's new Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming Parag Agrawal. Mr. Agrawal started at MORPC four weeks ago. He has 20 years of experience and most recently comes from Florida where he served as the Executive Director of the Polk Transportation Planning Organization. Polk County is the fastest growing county in Florida and the fifth fastest growing county in the country. Before Florida, Mr. Agrawal served as the Planning Director of Prince William County, Virginia. He received his master's in city and regional planning from The Ohio State University and worked for the City of Columbus five years after graduating. He is humbled and honored to be part of the MORPC Team and looks forward to working with members to serve the residents of Central Ohio.

Mr. Murdock reported MORPC hosted several major meetings since December:

- ODOT's Strategic Transportation & Development Analysis
- Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce Training
- Economic Development District Kick-Off
- Justice40 Kick-Off
- All Aboard Ohio Whistlestop Tour
- COMMA

- Safety Event

Mr. Murdock announced Data Day was sold out.

The LinkUS Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Leadership Committee kicked-off. There has been significant work on the TSI including interactive maps. You will hear more later.

Resolution 02-24 on the consent agenda allows MORPC to enter into a contract with Franklin County on the Lead Safe Ohio program.

A recent news article claims Columbus is growing faster than Austin, Texas. Our Data Team is looking at the report. Central Ohio's growth is still in alignment with what we were expecting. The article is based on information from Bank of America and their customers. While regional growth is strong, we should take the report with a grain of salt. Their sample is Bank of America customers. MORPC will have an update this spring.

Mr. Murdock encouraged members to read the Agency Monthly Report included in each Commission Meeting Packet for a full monthly update of MORPC activities.

The Member Benefit of the Month is HBCU Connect which posts mid-to executive-level positions on their network at no additional cost.

The Grant Opportunity of the Month is the Ohio Orphan Rail Crossing Program which provides \$1 million for rail crossings that are no longer in use. The Ohio Rail Development Commission received two applications so far. They also have funding for safety in railroad crossings.

MORPC is entering a collaboration agreement with the City of Fort Wayne, and eventually our peer organization in Pittsburgh, on the Chicago, Columbus, Pittsburgh passenger rail line (Midwest Connect). The next step is a service development plan, the last thing needed to ask for funds. We are also reconstituting the passenger rail committee at MORPC within the next month. If you are interested in serving on the committee, speak to Mr. Murdock or Mr. Agrawal.

MORPC is meeting with communities in Licking and Delaware Counties on the 208-sewer process, learning about the growth and service providers in those areas. A portion of what they are working on is setting up a dispute mechanism in Ohio. There are a lot of moving pieces in consideration. We are setting up a task force to review the recommendation before it comes to the Commission. Let Mr. Murdock know if interested in serving on the task force.

MORPC is attending the National Conference of Regions next week in Washington, DC. We are leading at the national level with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). MORPC instigated and co-led a national forum on housing and we hosted a panel on diversity efforts that had over 200 people.

MORPC held one of the first in the nation trainings on Justice40. Justice40 is the new federal requirement for almost all the grants that we would apply for making sure that the benefits of the grants help the most disadvantaged communities. The half-day training with the Columbus Partnership and COTA shared how communities' efforts can help go after grants and how to connect to different communities to try to be more strategic.

MORPC is hosting a forum with the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) on Reimagining an Inclusive Equitable Future in Transportation on Wednesday, February 28, 9:30 a.m.

The State of the Region is Friday, March 15. The keynote speaker is Majora Carter, a well-known developer and planner. The event is almost sold out.

Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Eileen Leuby presented the [Member Services Report](#) highlighting:

- Member Retention
- Regional Planning Update Lunches
- Planning Together – Local Governments & Schools
- Summer Intern Program
- New Intern Program Coordinator
- 2024 Rural Forums
- Member Visits
- Governing Essentials for Local Elected Leaders
- Member Newsletter
- 2023 Attendance Recognition
- Commission Profile Sheet

Committees

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

Christina Drummond presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). Ms. Drummond reminded Commission members of the Regional Data Advisory Committee's (RDAC) vision – to use data to improve our quality of life. To realize their vision, RDAC uses the Regional Data Agenda and made a few strategic decisions to further build their own capacity before attempting to build others' capacity and to focus on clear, near-term, achievable goals. RDAC's working groups are facilitated by a MORPC Team Member in the role of project manager.

For the second year in a row, Data Day sold out. The successful educational and networking event helped bolster the ranks of the working groups. Data Day was hosted by Ohio University Dublin at the Integrated Education Center. Ms. Drummond thanked Jay Johnson and his team for their support. More Information and presentation materials are available on [MORPC's website](#). Ms. Drummond thanked the Data Day Working Group and MORPC Team Members Jonathan Miller, Amanda McEldowney, and Dave Dixon for their part in making the event a success.

The next Leaders Listen Survey focuses on housing. Ms. Drummond asked members to share the survey with their community. The preliminary findings will be shared at the March 15 State of the Region. The full report will follow in the second quarter of 2024.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Lourdes Barroso de Padilla (City of Columbus), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). Council Member Barroso de Padilla is the new chair for the Regional Policy Roundtable. She thanked former chair, Mayor Scheffler, who created a good platform to build on. Council Member Barroso de Padilla recognized new vice chair Sloan Spalding from New Albany. The next roundtable meeting is February 29.

A delegation of MORPC Members and Team Members are traveling to the National Association of Regional Councils' National Conference of Regions in Washington, DC next week. They will meet with all the Central Ohio Congressional Delegations and talk to them about passenger rail, housing, key infrastructure projects, and defense assets.

- **Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations**

Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity gave the legislative update highlighting the following:

- Rail Executive Network – Fact Finding Trip
- Federal Appropriations
- Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (Proposed Resolution 01-24 on the consent agenda)
- One Time Strategic Community Investment Funds
- Housing and HB 315
- Upcoming Primary

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

Ben Kessler presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). There is over \$5 million available for Clean Ohio funding in Franklin County this year, which is used to protect conservation properties in perpetuity. Preliminary screener applications are due June 3 to Edwina Teye. Preliminary screener applications provide feedback to applicants. Final applications are due August 30. The Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC), the governing body that reviews applications and makes funding recommendations to the Ohio Public Works Commission, is seeking nominations for council vacancies for categories 3 (park system), 4 (agriculture and forestry), and 5 (business, realtors and planning). Reach out to Edwina Teye with recommendations.

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant has \$4.6 billion in federal funding available to implement pollution-reduction projects. MORPC and our partners are evaluating project ideas to include in the regional application due April 1. Based on feedback received from a survey they issued asking for input on potential projects, Project Partners submitted a Letter of Interest for two implementation projects: a Regional Community Energy Strategy (ReCES) and a West Broad Street Mobility Project. The projects include a program to fund solar arrays on various public buildings, the region's first zero-emission bus rapid transit vehicles, and first and last mile mobility options. Contact Brian Filiatraut with questions.

The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board elected to expand the COG Regional Trail Vision to the full 15-county MORPC area. COG will work with local governments to identify regional trail priorities for inclusion in the Trail Vision. COG is accepting new members to the Trail Towns Working Group and Trail Development Working Group. Reach out to Melinda Vonstein if interested in serving on either Working Group.

Ohio EPA, together with other state agencies and MORPC, is kicking off a comprehensive water study for the 15-county Central Ohio area in early March. The study examines existing and future water supply and demand to better understand gaps and priority areas for both water and sewer infrastructure investments in the future. In addition, it will identify creative strategies on how to capture, conserve, and reuse water while ensuring the environmental integrity of our natural resources. The study is expected to be complete by the end of the year, with monthly webinars providing opportunities to update key stakeholders and get feedback.

MORPC's Planner Pool Program is available to help with a variety of sustainability projects that you might be thinking about for your community. To learn more, contact Jonahan Miller or complete the [online](#) form.

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting is March 20, 2:30 p.m. at MORPC. Several committee members were up for reappointment to serve another term; most of them agreed to continue serving so we thank you for that. Mayor Kessler thanked the following SAC members:

- Mayor Laurie Jadwin for recommitting to serve as vice chair for two years
- Grove City Council Member Christine Houk for joining the committee
- Linda Rosine, who's term ended, for serving on the committee

More pending committee appointments are being finalized. Mayor Kessler will share the full committee roster at the next Commission meeting.

Transportation Policy Committee – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
Chair Amorose Grooms called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:31 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:50 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Gary Burkholder made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by LaGrieta Acheampong; motion passed.

Other Business

Chair Amorose Grooms invited new members to stay after the Commission meeting if they had questions. She and Mr. Murdock are available.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

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

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

DATE: March 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 03-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to contract with Sonoma Technology, Inc. to provide air quality forecasting services”**

The purpose of resolution 03-24 is to authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with Sonoma Technology, Inc. (STI) to provide air quality forecasting services beginning April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$245,345. Included in the agreement is an option to renew for a fourth year, April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028, for an amount not to exceed \$82,865. The funding source is the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Since 2001, MORPC's Air Quality Awareness Program has enlisted an air quality forecasting consultant to deliver timely, accurate, daily air quality forecasts for both ozone and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). These daily air quality forecast services enable MORPC to alert the public and the media of unhealthy air quality levels which is crucial for sensitive groups such as children, seniors, and those with respiratory and heart disease. Using MORPC's daily air quality forecast, Central Ohioans can reduce their exposure to harmful air pollution and its health impacts, as well as learn about ways they can reduce air pollution.

In addition to protecting public health, air quality forecasting services allow the MORPC Team to continue to work with member governments, Ohio EPA, and U.S. EPA on strategies to maintain Central Ohio's ozone and PM_{2.5} attainment designation. Maintaining attainment designation is important because nonattainment can impact businesses that want to locate or expand an air pollution source in the area.

Attachment: Resolution 03-24

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Vice Chair

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Secretary

RESOLUTION 03-24

“Authorizing the executive director to contract with Sonoma Technology, Inc. to provide air quality forecasting services”

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration through the Ohio Department of Transportation provides the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program funding to MORPC as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for services to attain and/or maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone and particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) in the Columbus region, and the services described herein are contingent on the approval and receipt of funding; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s Air Quality Program proactively addresses Central Ohio’s air quality issues by serving as the region’s resource for tracking ozone and PM_{2.5} levels, informing the public about the health risks associated with poor air quality, and promoting strategies that reduce the formation of ozone and PM_{2.5}; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Program will use daily forecasts to issue Air Quality Alerts as a public service the day before high ozone and/or PM_{2.5} levels are expected to occur; and

WHEREAS, MORPC does not retain the in-house technical expertise in air quality forecasting, and thus a suitable consultant must be selected under MORPC’s procurement policies and procedures to provide air quality forecasting services; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with a consultant to provide air quality forecasting services beginning April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$245,345. This agreement also provides MORPC with the option of extending the contract for a fourth year, April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028, with costs identified that should not exceed \$82,865.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date:	March 14, 2024
Submitted by:	Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Sr. Director of Planning
Prepared by:	Brandi Whetstone, Associate Director - Sustainability, Planning
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	March 14, 2024



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert A. Williams Jr., Sr. Director of Residential Services

DATE: March 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 04-24: **"To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the City of Westerville for \$500,000 for a 12-month period to perform home repairs on owner occupied homes in the City of Westerville"**

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

The City of Westerville approached MORPC to help create, implement and manage a home repair program in Westerville, Ohio. MORPC will identify grantees and perform home repair in accordance with the guidelines created by the City of Westerville and MORPC.

Attachment: Resolution 04-24

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RESOLUTION 04-24

“To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the City of Westerville for \$500,000 for a 12-month period to perform home repairs on owner occupied homes in the City of Westerville”

WHEREAS, The City of Westerville, Ohio has approached MORPC to help create, implement and manage a home repair program for the City of Westerville, and

WHEREAS, MORPC will create a Westerville Home Repair application, vet and approve grantees for the City of Westerville; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will administer production and oversight/project management of all elements of the Westerville Home Repair Program; and

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

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

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with the City of Westerville for work described in the forthcoming contracts to be awarded for the City of Westerville Home Repair Program in the amount up to \$500,000 through 2025 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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