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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, May 2, 2024
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Chris Amorose Grooms, MORPC Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of [April 4, 2024 minutes](#)
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, Executive Director
 - **LinkUS Update**
4. **Quarterly Financial Statements** – Steve Armstrong, Finance Director
5. **Committee Updates**

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

- **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Dave Dixon, Interim Senior Director of Planning & Director of Data Analytics & Strategy
 - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
 - **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Brandi Whetstone, Interim Senior Director of Planning & Associate Director of Sustainability
 - **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
 - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
6. **Proposed Resolution 07-24: “Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
 7. **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
 8. **Draft Commission Agenda**
 9. **Other Business**

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The next Executive Committee Meeting is
Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 4, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Board Room

Members Attending in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong	Michelle Crandall	Hayley Lupton
Chris Amorose Groomes	Laurie Jadwin	Matthew Starr
Kristen Atha	Ben Kessler	
Jeff Benton	Kris Long	

Members Attending Remotely

Joe Stefanov	Nancy White
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MORPC Staff Attending in Person

Parag Agrawal	Niel Jurist	William Murdock
Kerstin Carr	Eileen Leuby	Shari Saunders
Shawn Hufstedler	Kelsey Matson	Robert Williams

Welcome – Michelle Crandall

Chair Michelle Crandall called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Kris Long made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Kristen Atha; motion passed.

Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock

William Murdock gave an update on Team Members regional engagement for the last few months. We are approaching 20 member visits for the year. We hosted kick-off meetings, weekly Money Mondays, regional lunches, special education sessions, and weekend events. We had quite a bit of media coverage. As part of the final process getting the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) approved in May, Team Members presented in 56 communities in the last 45 days getting feedback on the MTP. The presentation is customized for each community. Team Members are also meeting with CORPO member communities.

Mr. Murdock is attending the American Planning Association Conference in Minneapolis April 15-17.

On Tuesday, Mr. Murdock and Kerstin Carr met with the Ohio EPA director to discuss the kick-off for the regional water study and about the ongoing evaluation of a 208-sewer district dispute resolution process. The regional water study kicked off on Monday. The deadline is the end of the year. The first webinar is April 24. The monthly webinars are for stakeholders to talk about progress and to receive feedback. Ohio EPA is having conversations with Cincinnati and Cleveland to do similar studies.

MORPC is very engaged in passenger rail, particularly the Midwest Connect route. We are working with the City of Fort Wayne and colleagues in Pittsburgh. Phase One funding was released and the agreement signed. Midwest Connect was one of the first ten out of 68 grants to apply. The RFP for the project goes out tomorrow hoping for a project start date in June. Fort Wayne is the direct recipient. As co-applicant, we will promote the RFP across multiple states. We are still working on the details of the passenger rail committee.

Yesterday, Congresswoman Beatty hosted U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg, Mayor Ginther, County Commissioners, State Senators and Representatives, Columbus City Council, and several others celebrating the \$42 million grant announced in March for LinkUS. The officials went on a tour of the West Broad Line and the Linden Green Line routes. COTA received

another \$1 million grant for planning. That will allow the West Broad Bus Rapid Transit piece to continue moving forward. MORPC continues to work with the communities in the COTA service area on Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI). The goal is to have a regional capital improvements plan for the TSI project, so the first five years of projects are ready to go in November if the ballot issue passes.

Mr. Murdock thanked those who attended this year's State of the Region. Over 900 people attended the event. According to the follow-up survey, people were generally happy with the event. The Columbus Dispatch issued an editorial on the Leaders Listen Survey results. Keynote Majora Carter connected with folks around the region and did a training with the Affordable Housing Trust's developer pool. NBC4 interviewed MORPC regarding the Leaders Listen Survey.

Team Members are tabulating the final results of the Leaders Listen Survey into an official report. Mr. Murdock highlighted a few of the results:

- Over 80% believe they or somebody they know will benefit from LinkUS
- About 30% of folks whose income is lower than \$100,000 a year are cutting back on food and other vital expenses because of housing expense (the percentage increases as the income decreases)
- Significant stress on low to moderate incomes when finding affordable housing

Approximately 2,000 people responded from all 15 counties in MORPC's region.

Upcoming Events:

- "Mobilizing Your Workforce" Rural Series – April 25, 10 a.m., City of Marysville City Hall
- Beyond Dialogue: Implementing DEIB in Your Organization – April 30, 5 p.m., MORPC
- Regional Planning Update Lunch: Central Area – May 1, 12 p.m., Franklin County Office Tower, 16th Floor
- May Pre-Commission Luncheon – May 9, 12 p.m., MORPC, Featuring Colonel Andrew P. Powers
- "Raising the Fun Factor: Revitalization that Accelerates Value" Rural Series – May 22, 10 a.m., City of Newark-County Office

Mr. Murdock announced this is Dr. Carr's last Executive Committee meeting. We will celebrate her at next week's Commission meeting. Dr. Carr has been at MORPC 18 years and given so much to the region. Mr. Murdock is grateful for her leadership. MORPC will miss her. Dr. Carr shared that she started at MORPC to develop a regional safety program in 2006. Her work at MORPC included safety, active transportation, community development, and sustainability. She thanked the Executive Committee for their support and engagement. Dr. Carr thanked Mr. Murdock for being supportive and empowering. She praised her Team for their passion for their work. It was a hard decision for her to leave. She is spending time with her daughter and family over the summer. She has a professional coaching certification and expects to continue coaching. She will continue to cheer on MORPC. Dr. Carr thanked everyone. Chair Crandall thanked Dr. Carr for all she's done for the communities in our region. She brings collaborative, inclusive, and thoughtful leadership not only with vision but with action.

Transportation Policy Committee – Parag Agrawal

Parag Agrawal reported the comment period for the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) ended March 30. MORPC received 500 comments online and 35 remarks at the March 19 Open House. Remarks were received from 39 different zip codes. Approximately 40% of the comments were encouraging the expansion of bike, pedestrian, and transit. Some comments were on incorporating Complete Streets when widening the roadways. The Team is working to incorporate the comments. The 2024-2050 MTP is up for adoption in May.

The FY 2025 Planning Work Program (PWP) is the budget for the MPO and covers July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. It lists the various projects and tasks for the year. It includes \$4.76 million of formula funding; \$4.7 to 6 million for active transportation, safety planning, and community engagement process; and \$3.76 million for special planning studies. It is up for adoption in May.

MORPC Team Members are working on two federal grant applications.

- Prioritization Process Pilot Program (P4). This is a new program of Federal Highway encourages the MPO to improve their prioritization process. This will enhance our prioritization process so we can include equity, sustainability, and workforce development.
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). This is our third application. We received funding from the previous two applications. Co-applicants are Ohio State, Honda, Franklin County Engineer's Office, and the City of Columbus. The project will analyze crashes happening in Central Ohio.

Fort Wayne is issuing the passenger rail RFP tomorrow. People from five different states are part of the RFP. We hope to kick-off the project in June. It will be a six-month project so we can start working on Stage 2 early next year.

MORPC's Team is laser focused on community participation for LinkUS.

Proposed Resolution EC-02-24: "Authorizing the executive director to make relevant changes to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Employee Guidebook" – Shawn Hufstедler

LaGrieta Acheampong made a motion to approve Resolution EC-02-24, second by Laurie Jadwin; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 05-24: "To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) for \$100,000 for a 12-month period to perform mold remediation on properties identified through MORPC's Weatherization Program" – Robert Williams

Laurie Jadwin made a motion to approve Resolution 05-24, second by Ben Kessler; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 06-24: "Accepting the Village of Mt. Sterling as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)" – William Murdock

Chris Amorose Grooms made a motion to approve Resolution 06-24, second by Jeff Benton; motion passed.

Draft Commission Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft April 11, 2024 Commission Meeting Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary
Executive Committee



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Memorandum

TO: William Murdock, Executive Director
Executive Committee

FROM: Shawn Hufstедler
Chief Operating Officer

DATE: April 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Financial Report – March 2024

Summary

As of March 31, 2024, expenses totaled \$3,920,631 or 17% of the year's total budgeted expenses of \$23,629,418. The operating reserve (investment and cash accounts) was \$3,712,856. A net loss from all operations was recorded year-to-date as of March 31, 2024.

The actual fringe was slightly unfavorable and indirect (overhead) rate was favorable.

Budget vs. Expenses

Expenses through quarter ending March 31, 2024, totaled \$3,920,631 or 17% of the year's total budgeted expenses of \$23,629,418.

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

- Under-spending with Transportation programs of \$572,417 can be attributed to:
 - Less spending than budgeted by \$425,000 for the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. MORPC funds subgrants related to this program for vehicle purchases and other expenses. Subgrant payments are highly variable and vehicle purchases have in many cases been delayed due to market supply issues.
 - The Growth and Major Economic Development Planning (related to the Intel Project) started later than originally anticipated and is under-budget by \$147,417.

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- Under-spending associated with Infrastructure and Economic development of \$69,821 can mostly be attributed to delayed awards: \$22,000 for the Infrastructure Program, \$18,000 for EDA grant, \$13,750 for Franklin County Transportation and Infrastructure Development (TID) grant, \$16,000 for Transit Support of Infrastructure (TSI) grant.
- Under-spending associated with Planning and Sustainability of \$168,487 can be attributed to delays in awarding the 2024 Ohio EPA grant, Sustaining Scioto award, which led to \$63,000 and \$33,000 less expenditures compared to the budgeted amount, respectively. Additionally, vacancies in certain positions contributed to the overall under-spending in this area.
- Under-spending associated with Weatherization programs of \$679,743 can be attributed to Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) grant being signed and budget approved later in the year, causing a delay in starting work as well as lack of client availability.
- Under-spending with Housing Programs of \$53,108 can be attributed to less spending than originally projected for HUD Healthy Homes Production Program Grant.
- Member Dues is over-budget by (\$48,525) due to greater than anticipated spending at this point in the year from the Services to Members Program. This can be attributed to the timing of payroll expenses for positions funded by multiple funding sources, which is expected to be offset by underspending in the second quarter, and front loading of travel costs in the first quarter for the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) and public policy work conference travel.

MORPC also budgeted in the annual budget \$985,754 for potential programs/projects that have not been funded at this time (and for which there have not been any expenses).

Operating Cash/Reserve

MORPC's operating reserve consists of operating cash and investment accounts. As of March 31, 2024, the cash account held \$2,031,367 while the investment account had a balance of \$1,681,489. The investment account is held in STAROhio. Combining both accounts equated to \$3,712,856, or 57 days of budgeted expenses, which is slightly less than the 60-day target threshold identified in the Operating Reserve Policy.

In February 2024, MORPC requested a temporary cash advance of \$750,000 from Franklin County. This request was approved and is being used to help maintain MORPC's essential operations. The cash advance is now treated as a current liability and will be repaid as a lump sum within the current fiscal year after outstanding funder receivables have been paid.

Operating Income (Change in Net Position)

There was a decrease in net position (loss from operations) for the year-to-date through March 31, 2024. The decrease was (\$343,715). The decrease was the result of:

- A (\$269,290) net loss year-to-date for programs funded by COTA in lieu of COVID and NTD (National Transit Database) funding, and TID (Transportation Improvement District) funding. As expected, this operating loss is due to the fact that revenue was recognized in prior years and expenses occurred in the current year.
- A (\$60,915) net loss year-to-date for the Columbia Gas Warm Choice Program. This loss is primarily due to the front loading of time spent on Columbia Gas as well as less than projected households to serve in the first quarter.
- A (\$38,663) net loss year-to-date for depreciation related to leasehold improvements as expected.

The losses were partially offset by a gain of \$24,151 to investment income and other miscellaneous net gains of \$1,003.

Member Dues

Member dues revenue was \$442,604 for the year-to-date ending March 31, 2024. Use of member dues was over budget by (\$48,525). Use of all current year member dues was as follows:

<u>Use of Member Dues</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance (Over)/Under</u>
Services to Members	\$212,951	\$243,974	(\$31,023)
Local Matching Funds/Reserve	\$105,722	\$127,429	(\$21,707)
Development Fund	\$15,978	\$15,178	\$800
Building Lease	\$45,759	\$45,759	\$0
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	\$12,457	\$7,764	\$4,693
Other	\$1,212	\$2,500	(\$1,288)
Total	\$394,079	\$442,604	(\$48,525)

Fringe Benefit and Indirect (Overhead) Variances

Fringe Benefits

The actual fringe benefit cost rate for the year-to-date is 57.66% which is slightly more than the budgeted rate of 57.50%, creating a slightly unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of (\$1,857)

Indirect (Overhead)

The actual indirect cost variance for the year-to-date is 56.93% which is less than the budgeted rate of 62.50% resulting in a favorable variance for the year-to-date of \$100,718.

Statement of Net Position

- On March 31, 2024, operating cash on hand was \$2,031,367 which was equal to 31 days of budgeted cash flow. The operating reserve investment account was \$1,681,489 and management reserve was \$17,329. \$74 remains in the building improvement/maintenance fund as interest income exceeded expectations in the fourth quarter of 2023, resulting in the cash amount being slightly above the transfer authority granted in the 2023 budget. (The intention was to reduce the balance to \$0). Transfer will be made in April 2024.
- The Central Ohio Greenways Fund is administered and held by the Columbus Foundation and had a balance of \$37,182.
- Accounts Receivable totaled \$3,752,372 compared to \$2,961,731 as of March 31, 2023, the increase can be attributed to outstanding receivables for grants. We are working with our funders and expect collection to occur soon for many of the outstanding receivables.
- Accounts Payable plus other current accrued liabilities totaled \$1,477,365 compared to \$836,756 as of March 31, 2023.
- The GASB Statement 68 Pension and the GASB Statement 75 OPEB (other postemployment benefits, i.e. retiree healthcare) have a net liability of \$5,660,441 and represent estimates of the Commission's proportional share of the unfunded liabilities/assets of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The Government Accounting Standards Board mandates that these amounts be shown in the financial statements, but such amounts do not represent an actual legal liability of MORPC to OPERS per State of Ohio law. Excluding the impact of GASB Statements 68 and 75, net position would be approximately \$5.6 million greater, or a positive balance of \$4,794,692 as of March 31, 2024.

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR-TO-DATE ENDING March 31, 2024

	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Variance under / (over)
Revenues			
Transportation	\$ 1,532,922	\$ 816,235	\$ 716,687
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	\$ 240,650	\$ 36,934	\$ 203,716
Planning & Sustainability	\$ 1,201,982	\$ 1,033,496	\$ 168,486
Weatherization	\$ 1,619,413	\$ 878,755	\$ 740,658
Housing	\$ 525,725	\$ 472,617	\$ 53,108
Services to Members & Development	\$ 288,358	\$ 315,174	\$ (26,816)
Other	\$ 251,867	\$ 23,705	\$ 228,162
Potential Funding	\$ 246,439	\$ -	\$ 246,439
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 5,907,355	\$ 3,576,916	\$ 2,330,439
Expenses by Program Area			
Transportation	\$ 1,532,922	\$ 960,505	\$ 572,417
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	\$ 240,650	\$ 170,829	\$ 69,821
Planning & Sustainability	\$ 1,201,982	\$ 1,033,495	\$ 168,487
Weatherization	\$ 1,619,413	\$ 939,670	\$ 679,743
Housing	\$ 525,725	\$ 472,617	\$ 53,108
Services to Members & Development	\$ 288,358	\$ 315,174	\$ (26,816)
Other	\$ 251,867	\$ 28,341	\$ 223,526
Potential Funding	\$ 246,439	\$ -	\$ 246,439
Total Expenses by Program Area	\$ 5,907,355	\$ 3,920,631	\$ 1,986,724
Expenses by Account Category			
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 2,745,867	\$ 2,544,951	\$ 200,916
Materials and Supplies	\$ 76,879	\$ 44,228	\$ 32,651
Services, Charges, & Other	\$ 1,116,206	\$ 338,352	\$ 777,853
Subcontracted Services	\$ 1,749,087	\$ 745,805	\$ 1,003,282
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 219,316	\$ 247,295	\$ (27,978)
Total Expenses by Account Category	\$ 5,907,355	\$ 3,920,631	\$ 1,986,723
Operations income (loss)	\$ -	\$ (343,715)	\$ 343,715
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ -	\$ (343,715)	\$ 343,715

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF March 31, 2024

	Balance at 03/31/2024 excludes impact of GASB 68 & 75	GASB 68 & 75 (Pension & OPEB) 03/31/2024	Balance at 03/31/2024 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Balance at 03/31/2023 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Yearly Difference
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash	2,031,367		2,031,367	2,156,205	(124,838)
Cash-Designated for Building Improvement	74		74	71	3
Cash-Operating Reserve	1,681,489		1,681,489	1,592,758	88,731
Cash-Management Reserve	17,329		17,329	112,213	(94,884)
Cash-Greenways Fund	37,182		37,182	32,714	4,468
Accounts Receivable	3,752,372		3,752,372	2,961,731	790,641
Prepaid Expenses	215,769		215,769	167,779	47,990
Total Current Assets	7,735,581		7,735,581	7,023,471	712,110
Non-Current Assets					
Forgivable Mortgages	-		-	2,255	(2,255)
Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,440,907		1,440,907	1,544,745	(103,838)
Intangible Asset Building/Equipment Lease/IT	5,011,586		5,011,586	5,664,500	(652,914)
Subscriptions Net of Accumulated Amortization					
Total Non-Current Assets	6,452,493		6,452,493	7,211,500	(759,007)
Deferred Outflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	4,635,594	4,635,594	1,451,923	3,183,671
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	4,635,594	4,635,594	1,451,923	3,183,671
Total Assets	14,188,074	4,635,594	18,823,668	15,686,893	3,136,774
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	793,486		793,486	210,350	583,136
Accrued Payroll and Fringe Benefits	683,879		683,879	626,406	57,473
Unearned Revenue	1,424,638		1,424,638	1,235,383	189,255
FC Temporary Cash Advance	750,000		750,000	-	750,000
Total Current Liabilities	4,157,964		4,157,964	2,658,607	1,601,425
Non-Current					
Accrued PTO & Sick Leave	583,339		583,339	523,504	59,835
Other Mortgages-Deferred Income	-		0	2,255	(2,255)
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	4,652,080		4,652,080	5,112,316	(460,236)
Accrued SBITA	-		-	-	-
GASB 68 & 75	-	9,943,599	9,943,599	2,000,733	7,942,866
Total Non-Current	5,235,419	9,943,599	15,179,018	7,638,808	7,540,210
Deferred Inflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	352,136	352,136	5,112,316	4,538,857
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	352,136	352,136	4,921,120	(4,568,984)
Total Liabilities	9,393,383	10,295,735	19,689,118	15,218,535	4,572,651
Net Position					
Beginning Net Position	5,138,407	(5,660,141)	(521,734)	511,977	(1,033,711)
Current YTD Net Income	(343,715)		(343,715)	(43,621)	(300,094)
Total Net Position	4,794,692	(5,660,141)	(865,449)	468,356	(1,333,805)
Total Liabilities and Net Position	14,188,074	4,635,594	18,823,668	15,686,893	3,136,774



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director

DATE: April 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 07-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”**

Annually, MORPC submits an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for planning funds to continue the metropolitan planning program, as currently defined by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.” Some of these funds are allocated to MORPC on a “formula” basis, and others are allocated at the discretion of MORPC and other agencies. The appropriate portions of the grants and the local shares are included in the agency budget for 2024.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025, which begins July 1, 2024, MORPC is requesting \$3,369,945 of new combined Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds, and \$421,243 of new ODOT matching funds. The MORPC local share for these grants is \$421,243. These are the “formula” funds supporting the base transportation planning.

Historically, MORPC has encouraged ridesharing and vanpools. In SFY 2025 MORPC will be using \$750,000 of MORPC Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the ridesharing program.

Other discretionary special projects include \$400,000 in MORPC STBG funds for Regional Supplemental Planning through work element 66565-3000 that includes seven activities:

1. Project Expedition SFY 2025 – Augment the efforts of the TIP project to ensure the timely completion of projects funded with MORPC-attributable funds.

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2. Traffic Monitoring – Augment traffic counts received from local governments by taking traffic counts, including bike and pedestrian counts, at other key locations to maintain the regional model and for other purposes. Also, enhance availability of data on the MORPC website.
3. Data Products and Services – This includes soliciting services and data products that supplement work elements 60515-2000 and 60525-2000 (transportation data-related elements). It includes technical tools and services for promoting data sharing and availability and supporting the Regional Data Advisory Committee.
4. Assistance to Members – Provides planning data, travel demand forecasting, and transportation analysis assistance to members upon request for studies conducted by or for local governments.
5. Interregional Connections support – Resources for staff working on Interregional Connections.
6. Conduct resiliency research and planning to prepare the transportation system for a changing climate.
7. Coordinate with other regional activities such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda activities that further the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Goals.

As Central Ohio is designated a “maintenance” area for ozone and for fine particulate matter, MORPC will continue its planning and education efforts for air quality. \$575,000 of CMAQ funding will be used for work element 66735-1000 for SFY 2025.

In SFY 2015, a new special project work element was included to administer the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. MORPC, as the designated recipient, will receive an annual allocation from FTA for staff administration. From SFY 2024, approximately \$139,079 remains and will be carried forward into SFY 2025. The SFY 2025 funds will be \$173,250 and are included in work element 67415-3000.

MORPC has utilized FTA Section 5310 funding to provide Mobility Manager support throughout Central Ohio. This was continued in SFY 2024. From SFY 2024 approximately \$140,000 remains and will be carried forward into SFY 2025. MORPC received a special allocation in CY 2023 to also fund this activity. Approximately \$125,000 remains and will be carried forward into SFY 2025.

MORPC will continue the Technical Assistance Program to assist local governments focusing on active transportation planning as outlined in strategies in the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan through work element 66575-1000 in SFY 2025 using \$275,000 of STBG funds.

In 2023, MORPC applied to USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program for safety planning funds. In December 2023, MORPC received notification of an award of \$1,032,000 in FHWA funding. This is being matched by \$258,000 from a variety of state, MORPC

and local funding. The activity, which is work element 66584-3000, will update the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan and conduct supplemental planning and demonstration activities that address key action items from the 2019 plan.

In total, including other special projects that began in previous MORPC Planning Work Programs and that were addressed in previous resolutions, transportation funded elements of MORPC have remaining funds totaling approximately \$9,129,760. A portion may be carried over into SFY 2026. The use of these funds is outlined in the SFY 2025 MORPC PWP that reflects comments from ODOT, FTA, and FHWA. Attached to Resolution 07-24 is a summary of the SFY 2025 MORPC PWP expected to be approved by the Transportation Policy Committee under Resolution T-6-24.

The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) was created as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) and is staffed by MORPC. ODOT federal and state funds totaling \$200,935, plus \$22,326 of new local matching funds are being requested to continue the CORPO. A PWP for CORPO has also been developed with the work elements included as an attachment to Resolution 07-24.

Resolution 07-24 authorizes the executive director to submit and execute any required grant applications and related agreements, including the biennial agreements with ODOT for the MORPC and CORPO transportation planning areas. The resolution also ensures MORPC's compliance with the civil rights statutes required for receipt of federal funds.

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Attachment: Resolution 07-24

RESOLUTION 07-24

“Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is authorized to make grants for transportation planning funds consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”; and

WHEREAS, these funds are administered in Ohio by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); and

WHEREAS, the contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the transportation planning process is also required to be in compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA); and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. DOT, that in connection with filing applications for assistance, MORPC gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. DOT requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has established procedures for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, and it is the goal of MORPC, within the requirements of U.S. DOT and ODOT, that DBEs be utilized to the maximum extent feasible when procuring equipment, supplies, and services; and

WHEREAS, to do some of the projects in the State Fiscal Year 2025 MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) PWP, it will be necessary to secure matching funds from other agencies and to subcontract work or make purchases per the estimated amounts shown in the attachments; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to file applications with and execute grant agreements on behalf of MORPC with U.S. DOT and ODOT, to aid in financing technical studies and other transportation-related activities.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with ODOT to implement 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. §1607, as may be amended, in the Columbus metropolitan planning area, including designation of MORPC as the metropolitan planning organization responsible for conducting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive urban transportation planning process.

- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with ODOT to conduct transportation planning for the CORPO, including designation of MORPC as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for conducting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process.
- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to enter into ongoing agreements of cooperation with the counties, incorporated municipalities, and other entities and special districts within the areas for carrying forward the transportation planning process consistent with IIJA and CAAA.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance, or any other document required by the U.S. DOT, effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including amendments.
- Section 6. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the application for the PWP.
- Section 7. That the executive director is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
- Section 8. That the following estimated funding be requested from ODOT:
- a. \$3,369,945 of new combined FHWA PL and FTA Section 5303 funding (plus \$421,243 of new MORPC and ODOT matching funds each).
 - b. \$200,935 in ODOT federal and state funds plus \$22,326 of new local matching funds to continue the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization.
 - c. \$750,000 of MORPC CMAQ funds to support MORPC vanpool and rideshare matching program.
 - d. \$575,000 in MORPC CMAQ funds for air quality awareness program.
 - e. \$400,000 in MORPC STBG funds for seven activities in Regional Supplemental Planning.
 - f. \$275,000 in MORPC STBG funds for the Technical Assistance Program.
 - g. \$1,032,000 in FHWA funding (plus \$167,700 of local/MORPC and \$90,300 of ODOT matching funds) for Safe Streets For All Action Plan and Demonstration Activities.
 - h. \$173,250 in FTA Section 5310 funding for program administration.

- Section 9. That previously approved projects and activities, with remaining budgets totaling approximately \$1,454,079 in various federal, ODOT, and local funds, be authorized to continue.
- Section 10. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements with these or other funding agencies and with any subcontractors or vendors necessary to undertake any of the activities identified in the State Fiscal Year 2025 PWP for amounts that have been included in the approved budget of the agency.
- Section 11. That the executive director is authorized, if required, to approve one or more extensions of time for performance of services for any of the agreements described in this resolution and to receive funds or issue change orders not to exceed 25 percent of the original total of the agreement amounts without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 12. 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 13. 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: May 9, 2024
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Attachment A: List of Activities to be Subcontracted
Attachment B: Summary of State Fiscal Year 2025 MORPC Planning Work Program
Attachment C: State Fiscal Year 2025 CORPO Planning Work Program Work Elements

List of Activities to be Subcontracted:

1. Gohio Commute marketing/advertising/vanpool subsidies/ride-matching software – Approximately \$45,000 is budgeted for miscellaneous printing, marketing, and advertising to multiple vendors, \$100,000 for vanpool subsidies to various vanpool providers, and \$10,000 for ride-matching software for MORPC's portion. Other MPOs are also participating in a shared services arrangement.
2. Air Quality Awareness marketing/advertising – During SFY 2025, approximately \$20,000 is budgeted for air quality-related printing, travel, outreach, marketing, and advertising to multiple vendors. An additional \$90,000 is budgeted for ozone and particulate forecasting services.
3. Up to \$40,000 is subcontracted for traffic counting services.
4. Continuation of Intel Long Range Planning Support consultant of up to \$875,000.
5. Safe Streets For All Safety Action Plan consultant and contracted activities of up to \$1,100,000.

All other funds received and contracts to be let were or will be addressed by other resolutions if required.

Summary

FISCAL YEAR 2025 MORPC PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Notes on Listing: The total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2025) is \$9,494,760. The amount estimated to remain to be expended in 2025 or subsequent years is \$9,129,760.

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Activities

Total Budget: \$4,412,431

Work Elements

60125-3000 - Management & Operations Planning

Budget: \$170,000

Managing and maintaining the extensive existing transportation system is a priority of transportation agencies. This work element coordinates on the benefits of a holistically managed transportation system. Helping members collaborate on M&O, advancing ITS including connected infrastructure and CV/AV, access management, estimating costs to maintain the condition of the transportation system including pavement management and deficient bridges, etc., and incorporating security and emergency response into the planning process. Monitoring freight rail activities and analyzing for developing trends; meeting one-on-one with communities that are impacted by freight; and providing timely information via the web. Monitoring goods movement-related legislation and other regional freight initiatives.

Products/Activities:

- Condition report of highway system and resources
- Access Management
- Maintain Regional ITS Architecture
- Participation and education on freight initiatives
- Transportation security assistance

60135-3000 - Safety Planning

Budget: \$130,000

Safety continues to be a significant focus for FHWA, ODOT, and the entire Central Ohio region. This activity works to gather crash data, conduct crash data analyses, report on safety meetings, encourage and support local governments to apply for funding to implement safety countermeasures, conduct pre- and post-crash data analysis for safety projects to evaluate the benefits of each countermeasure, and implements the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan.

Products/Activities:

- Regional crash data analysis
- Regional Safety Education
- Member assistance
- Safety Committee Participation
- Project Evaluation
- Special projects and studies

60155-3000 - Transit and Human Services Planning

Budget: \$125,000

Coordination, assistance, and oversight to improve transit service and workforce mobility. Work includes integration of all aspects of transit and mobility to provide access to all populations while improving the range of options for meeting diverse mobility needs.

Products/Activities:

- Maintain the urbanized area's Coordinated Plan
- Public transit provider coordination
- Transit Service planning assistance
- Monitor agreements and funding in the region
- Workforce Mobility Assistance

60205-3000 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation**Budget:** \$400,000

The complete streets component of this work element is estimated to cost \$65,000 which exceeds the IJA requirement of 2.5% of PL funds to be used for complete streets. Planning for complete streets and safe and accessible travel for bikes and pedestrians is also completed in work elements 61015-3000 and 61035-1000.

The TIP is one of the two required items to allow for the flow of federal and state transportation funds into the region. This activity includes the development, update and revisions of the TIP, monitoring of federally funded projects, coordination of federally funded infrastructure projects with projects funded from other sources, allocation of STBG, CMAQ, CRP, and TAP funding, the TRAC process, environmental studies and engineering source document review including complete street implementation, innovative financing, and financing education. Specific activities for the year are listed below.

Products/Activities:

- Maintain the SFY 2024-2027 TIP & Prepare SFY 26-29 TIP
- Prioritized list of regional projects for TRAC
- Complete Streets Policy and Implementation
- Collaboration on innovative project delivery and financing options for projects
- Reports on the status of federally funded projects & annual obligation report
- Program of projects to use MORPC-attributable funding

60515-2000 - Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data**Budget:** \$530,000

This element pertains to MORPC's role as a leader in coordinating data providers throughout the region, as well as managing its own internal data and GIS systems. It includes using technology for collecting, maintaining and sharing data sets that support transportation programs. It includes keeping data sets current and organized, and managing and monitoring the GIS system. In addition, it includes advancing collaboration among local data providers to reduce redundancies and improve efficiencies associated with information management.

Products/Activities:

- Increase efficiencies of internal data systems
- Update and maintain data sets to support transportation planning efforts
- Promote data sharing among data providers to reduce redundancy
- Coordinate with U.S. Census
- Collection and maintenance of mobility data sets

60525-2000 - Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs**Budget:** \$525,000

Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. In addition, MORPC functions as a regional resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs. This element includes aspects of research associated with fulfilling those requests.

Products/Activities:

- Provide GIS and technical assistance to transportation programs
- Prepare annual estimates of population and employment at the county and sub-county levels
- Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making
- Update the Transportation Plan Report Card
- Respond to and document requests

60555-3000 - Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications

Budget: \$510,000

Building upon transportation data, this activity maintains, updates and refines the regional transportation models and continues to refine and implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP) procedures in the 3C planning process, including monitoring congestion, Environmental Justice (social equity) analysis, TIP and Transportation Plan air quality conformity, SIP revisions, and CMAQ justifications. Participation in other regional congestion management and air quality initiatives.

Products/Activities:

- Up-to-date travel demand model
- Up-to-date data sets for SIP development and air quality conformity
- Up-to-date CMP and EJ analysis procedures, data and documents
- Determination of the emissions changes from proposed CMAQ projects
- Up-to-date Land Use Model processes
- Modeling assistance to ODOT staff in the certified design traffic development

61015-3000 - Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

Budget: \$430,000

The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the major requirement of the MPO, including coordinating all Transportation Plan-related activities. This includes any follow-up to the completed 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan such as performance monitoring and amendments as necessary. This activity is also to coordinate with state and local agencies on transportation studies and plans. Specific activities this year are listed below.

Products/Activities:

- 2024-2050 MTP Follow-up
- Complete long-range system studies
- Coordination with ODOT planning activities
- Intercity transportation service planning
- Functional Class, National Highway System, and Thoroughfare Planning

61025-0400 - Transportation Public Involvement

Budget: \$160,000

Public involvement and outreach are vital components of the transportation planning process. These activities maintain the public involvement process for transportation consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), federal regulations, and local needs. Efforts continue to seek the involvement of low-income and minority populations, handicapped, and elderly in the transportation planning process, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Active Transportation Plan, FTA's Section 5310, FTA's Section 5307, and other transportation-related studies. The Public Participation Plan supports the activities of the Community Advisory Committee and provides updates on transportation planning activities through in-person and virtual presentations, the web, electronic newsletters, social media, and other public involvement and outreach activities.

Products/Activities:

- Transportation Public Involvement Process
- Public Involvement Activities for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Public Involvement Activities for the Transportation Improvement Program
- Public Involvement Activities for the Active Transportation Plan
- Public Involvement for Miscellaneous Transportation Activities

61035-1000 - Regional Strategic Initiatives

Budget: \$435,000

Transportation is interrelated with land use, housing, air quality, energy, environmental sustainability, and quality of life. This work element is to ensure MORPC is leading the region in studying, identifying, and communicating best practices, as well as developing plans, tools, and programming to address these issues and advance regional goals in these areas. This work element includes connecting people to green space and our natural resources. Specific activities this year are listed below.

Products/Activities:

- insight2050 Resource Updates and Outreach
- Planning for Housing
- Regional Trail Planning
- Central Ohio Greenways Vision Planning and Implementation
- River Corridor Development Planning

62515-1000 - Planning Coordination and Support

Budget: \$215,000

Coordination of transportation planning efforts among different jurisdictions is a critical element to ensuring regional consistency in the transportation network. This activity includes informational sharing meetings among MORPC and others, regional collaboration meetings, and educational transportation workshops and forums. MORPC staff also provides support to individual communities with integrating regional initiatives into local land use and transportation plans and provides education around advancing active transportation.

Products/Activities:

- Informational Meetings
- Regional Collaboration Group Meetings
- Member Education
- Cross-jurisdictional Planning Assistance
- Active Transportation Education and Outreach

62524-1000 - Member Assistance and Support (Carryover from SFY 2024 PWP)

Budget: \$200,000

Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2024.

This work element will provide member support around how to plan and manage future growth in Central Ohio. As Central Ohio is expected to become a region of 3.15 million people by 2050, MORPC is well positioned to identify innovative ways on assisting its local government members with best practices, tools, and services to make bold changes to their comprehensive plans, zoning codes, and development standards in order to create neighborhoods that provide more housing and transportation options for residents. This element builds off of work element 62515-1000 which is to educate members on planning topics and for MORPC to continuously be aware of efforts being taken at the local level to inform the type of staff assistance needed by our members.

Products/Activities:

- Member Planning Services
- Data for decision making
- Story Telling

62525-1000 - Member Assistance and Support

Budget: \$425,000

This work element will provide member support around how to plan and manage future growth in Central Ohio. As Central Ohio is expected to become a region of 3.15 million people by 2050, MORPC is well positioned to identify innovative ways on assisting its local government members with best practices, tools, and services to make bold changes to their comprehensive plans, zoning codes, and development standards in order to create neighborhoods that provide more housing and transportation options for residents. This element builds off of work element 62515-1000 which is to educate members on planning topics and for MORPC to continuously be aware of efforts being taken at the local level to inform the type of staff assistance needed by our members.

Products/Activities:

- Member Planning Services
- Data for decision making
- Story Telling

69715-3000 - Program Administration

Budget: \$157,431

This work element is to facilitate the efficient administration of the transportation planning program. This work element provides for technical and policy direction of activities to fulfill ODOT, U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, FHWA, FTA, and jointly funded work as described in the Planning Work Program where such activities are not directly attributable to specific work elements. These activities are listed below.

Products/Activities:

- CAC, TAC, TPC agendas and meeting summaries
- Annual Planning Work Program and Completion Report
- Title VI & DBE Process
- Maintain certification and planning agreements
- Monitor federal and state planning requirements

II. Special Studies

Total Budget: \$3,757,329

\$365,000 was spent prior to SFY 2025. The balance for SFY 2025 or later is \$3,392,329.

Work Elements

66534-3000 - Growth and Major Economic Development Planning (2024)

Budget: \$1,000,000
\$850,000 remaining

Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2024.

Budget breakdown is approximately \$875,000 for consultant services and \$125,000 of staff services. Work to be spread out over state fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

This work element focuses on conducting regional coordination of long-range transportation planning which includes consideration of access, infrastructure, land use, and housing. The outcomes are intended to address medium term needs, long-term investment planning and comprehensively align various local and regional efforts of the Central Ohio Region for the Intel investment and subsequent growth.

MORPC will coordinate with the State of Ohio, LCATS, and other regional stakeholders (including but not limited to Foundations, TIDs, Counties, Municipalities and Townships) to address the needs of the region and prepare for growth demands associated with the Intel investment. The coordination approach will be transect-based with a focal point being the Silicon Heartland Site in New Albany. The primary focus will start with geographies that are within the 40-minutes travel of the site.

Products/Activities:

- Agency Coordination Plan
- Enhanced data and travel demand model coverage
- Updated local planning documents
- Funding Opportunities
- List of Improvement Concepts

66565-3000 - Regional Supplemental Planning

Budget: \$400,000

100% STBG using toll credit

This work element supplements the formula-funded program and includes research and planning efforts that are required to fulfill MPO planning and project implementation responsibilities. The activity includes elements that supplement project delivery, data collection and data management, passenger rail planning, long-range studies and sustainability. Specific activities this year are listed below.

Products/Activities:

- Regular reports to members and MORPC committees on project delivery
- Traffic counts for approximately 200 locations, including bike and pedestrian counts as identified in active transportation count plan
- Implement projects to address the goals, objectives, and action items detailed in the Regional Data Agenda.
- Provide special services and conduct special transportation studies
- Support for passenger rail planning
- Resiliency Planning
- Coordination with other regional activities, such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda to further the 2024-2050 MTP goals

66575-1000 - Technical Assistance Program

Budget: \$275,000

100% STBG using toll credit

The purpose of this work element is to provide technical planning assistance to support individual communities in their efforts to implement the strategies identified in the MTP. Services will be provided for specific community planning and development projects related to active transportation, trails, transportation safety, and land use planning. Part of this work element is to maintain online references, tools, policies, and expertise developed under this PWP work element.

Products/Activities:

- Planning Assistance

66584-3000 - Safe Streets For All Action Plan and Demonstration Activities

Budget: \$1,290,000 Activity is expected to continue beyond SFY 2025.

In 2023, MORPC applied to USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program for safety planning funds. In December 2023, MORPC received notification of the award. These funds will be used to update the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan and conduct supplemental planning activities that address key action items from the 2019 plan.

Products/Activities:

- Safety Plan Update
- Non-Motorized Volume Data Program
- Complete Streets Safety Audit Program
- Pedestrian Safety Demonstration Projects

67414-3000 - 5310 Designated Recipient (2024)

Budget: \$169,079 Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end
\$139,079 remaining of SFY 2024.

This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for each federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients.

Products/Activities:

- A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions
- Comply with other FTA requirements
- Program of Projects
- Update and Maintain the Coordinated Plan

67415-3000 - 5310 Designated Recipient 2025

Budget: \$173,250

This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for each federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients.

Products/Activities:

- A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions
- Comply with other FTA requirements
- Program of Projects
- Update and Maintain the Coordinated Plan

67424-3000 - Mobility Management (2024)

Budget: \$150,000
\$140,000 remaining

Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2024.

This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes as well as mobility management activities in Franklin County. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. MORPC is the host for the Franklin County Mobility Manager.

Products/Activities:

- Engagement
- Increase capacity
- Information coordination
- State and local coordination
- Awareness and accessibility

67433-3000 - Mobility Management ODOT Regional Supplemental (2024)

Budget: \$300,000
\$125,000 remaining

Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2024.

This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan (Regional Mobility Plan) for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. This element specifically refers to the regional work of the Regional Mobility Plan.

Products/Activities:

- Engagement
- Increase capacity
- Information coordination
- State and local coordination
- Awareness and accessibility
- Training and Professional Development

III. Ridesharing and Air Quality

Total Budget: \$1,325,000

Work Elements

66715-3000 - Transportation Services (Ridesharing)

Budget: \$750,000 100% MORPC CMAQ

Promote Travel Demand Reduction (TDM) in Central Ohio and market programs and service in a 15-county area. Program services include carpool matching, vanpool formation, transit, bike and pedestrian support and strategies for employers and the general public. MORPC administers an emergency ride home program, vanpool program, and a statewide rideshare matching vendor contract in coordination with OARC rideshare agencies.

Products/Activities:

- Promote a culture of sustainable and smart multimodal travel throughout Central Ohio. Public education and ride matching services.
- Raise public awareness about mobility options in the region. Increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance to improve air quality.
- National Transit Database Reporting
- Program evaluation, strategic plan and telework policy
- Promote TDM services to reduce SOV travel and associated air pollution in communities near high-volume corridors as well as in diverse and underserved populations

66735-1000 - Air Quality Awareness

Budget: \$575,000 MORPC CMAQ (100% using toll credit)

This work element ensures that MORPC continues air pollution forecasting and educating its members and the public on the importance of air quality, its health and environmental impacts, and how to reduce air pollution. Furthermore, MORPC provides technical and planning assistance to the region on strategies to reduce fuel use and reduce emissions and energy use.

Products/Activities:

- Air Quality Alerts and Coordination
- Air Quality Research
- Education and Outreach
- Conduct special studies and projects related to GHG emissions
- Planning and policy assistance

IV. Planning Activities Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget: \$0

Work Elements

66505-3000 - Ongoing Local Planning

Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget.

This activity is provided only for informational purposes and has no final product or any budget within the work program. However, staff may be involved through the related activities in planning activities undertaken by others.

Products/Activities:

- Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes

67401-3000 - Ongoing COTA Activities

This work element is for coordination with COTA to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in the COTA service area, mainly in Franklin County and in portions of adjacent counties. No budget.

This activity is provided only for informational purposes and has no final product or any budget within the work program. However, staff may be involved through the related activities in planning activities undertaken by others.

Products/Activities:

- COTA's planning process
- Continued refinement of COTA's Long-Range Plan and other planning activities
- Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update
- Service change planning
- COTA safety and asset management plans

67402-3000 - Ongoing DCT Activities

This work element is for coordination with DCT to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in Delaware County. No budget.

This activity is provided only for informational purposes and has no final product or any budget within the work program. However, staff may be involved through the related activities in planning activities undertaken by others.

Products/Activities:

- DCT's planning process and requirements needed to receive federal urban area and state funds
- Implement recommendations from DCT's Strategic Plan
- DCT safety and asset management plans

CORPO FY 2025 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM WORK ELEMENTS

No. 60195-3000

601 - Short Range Planning

Short-range planning services help members make progress on the objectives established in the CORPO Transportation Plan (CTP). The IIJA encourages areas to be innovative in the way they manage and operate the system to ensure people and goods move efficiently, safely, and in the most secure way possible. CORPO will support the management and operation of the transportation system by reporting on its conditions and identifying resources to meet established performance measures.

The IIJA continued a core Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that is structured and funded to make significant progress in reducing highway fatalities. This law requires state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to implement a State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and to address safety issues in their regions. CORPO’s safety planning work will help the state meet this requirement.

Active transportation planning ensures that non-motorized transportation facilities are constructed as part of a multi-modal transportation system and that performance measures are in place to guide engineering, education, and enforcement practices that enhance their usage and the safety of non- motorists.

Product: Method	Agencies	Schedule
Condition report of highway system and funding: Assess current condition of highway system by collecting pavement condition summaries from ODOT and local agencies. Assist members in Identifying resources needed to bring it to an acceptable standard and in applying for funding. Coordinate effort with the ODOT Asset Management System	<i>CORPO/Local Governments</i>	<i>As needed for TIP and CTP</i>
Safety planning and safety funding applications: Encourage members to address safety concerns through engineering and enforcement measures. Assist them with their applications for safety funding. Conduct special studies and projects related to transportation safety such as intersection modifications as requested by members or ODOT.	<i>CORPO/ODOT/Local Governments/Others</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
Active transportation planning: Assist local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing active transportation infrastructure that includes both bike and pedestrian facilities. Assist members with trail planning development and complete streets.	<i>CORPO/ODOT/Local Governments</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
Transit Planning: Coordinate with both public and private transit and mobility providers on public transit and human services planning. Assist members with related grant applications (5310, 5307, OTP2, etc.), planning documents, and meeting planning.	<i>CORPO / MORPC/ Local governments and Transit Agencies</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Budget:

Total Work Element \$40,000 \$32,000 FHWA, \$4,000 ODOT, \$4,000 MORPC

PID#: 118375

602 - Transportation Improvement Program

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

This element is to prepare and continue to maintain an updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through this element. CORPO will identify federal, state, and other resources to make local improvements and coordinate them with traditional federal resources.

This element also involves the monitoring and coordination of progress for projects in the TIP, including the projects awarded funds through CORPO's Dedicated Funds Program. As needed amendments to the TIP are completed. Periodic reports concerning the status of federal funds are made to the CORPO committees. CORPO also participates in public involvement opportunities conducted as part of the development of regionally significant transportation improvements including transit projects.

Product: Method	Agencies	Schedule
Transportation Improvement Program: Coordinate with ODOT Districts 5 and 6, MORPC, transit providers and local agencies on project information for the 2026-2029 TIP. Coordinate with ODOT Central Office on TIP updates and amendment schedules. Monitor projects awarded funds through CORPO's Dedicated Funds program.	<i>CORPO</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
Collaboration on project delivery and financing options for projects: As needed, work with local jurisdictions to identify project funding mechanisms and coordinate them with the use of federal, state and other locally available resources, including coordination with OPWC's SCIP-/LTIP-funded projects. Assist with special funding opportunities such as CORPO Dedicated Funds, Transit related funding, and Discretionary funding opportunities. Work with public and private partners to bring projects that are extremely time-sensitive online as quickly as possible.	<i>CORPO & Local Agencies</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Budget:

Total Work Element \$75,000 \$60,000 FHWA, \$7,500 ODOT, \$7,500 MORPC
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605 – Continuing Planning – Surveillance

Data and Analysis

Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools to analyze data and develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization. In addition, CORPO intends to function as a resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs.

Product: Method	Agencies	Schedule
Provide GIS and technical assistance to members: Coordinate with the modeling team to be responsive to new data needs associated with the travel demand model. Prepare land use forecasts for traffic studies. Provide demographic and economic data for studies as needed.	<i>CORPO</i>	<i>As Needed</i>
Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making: Create data visualizations to make finding and retrieving information easy for users for transportation planning purposes: Produce data-driven reports for a quick view of facts and figures about communities and the region.	<i>CORPO/MORPC</i>	<i>As Needed</i>
Respond to and document requests: Answer questions from government, residents, academia and businesses for transportation and demographic data.	<i>CORPO/MORPC</i>	<i>As Needed</i>

Budget:

Total Work Element \$38,609 \$30,887 FHWA, \$3,861 ODOT, \$3,861 MORPC

PID#: 118375

610 – Transportation Plan

Long Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

This work element is the creation and maintenance of the Long-Range Rural Transportation Plan and related activities. The plan examines the region's transportation needs at least 20 years into the future and proposes a multimodal network to meet the region's needs. Work includes maintenance activities for the current 2018-2040 long-range rural transportation plan completed in 2018, and also development activities for the 2023-2050 transportation plan. This activity also includes coordination with local governments and other transportation agencies, participating in special long-range planning efforts, monitoring, and reporting on federal and state transportation legislation, regulations, and policies, and integrating transportation into other regional planning efforts.

<u>Product: Method</u>	<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
The 2023-2050 Long- Range Transportation Plan: Monitor and amend as needed.	<i>CORPO</i>	<i>As Needed</i>
North Pickaway County TID Transportation Plan: provide data, information, and coordination with Pickaway County TID to assist with plan development.	<i>CORPO/Pickaway County</i>	<i>October 2024</i>
Coordinate with ODOT planning activities: Coordinate with special studies and projects that are in the early steps of development. Coordinate with ODOT on implementing strategies in State Transportation and Development Analysis, Route 23 Connect, A045, Walk.Bike.Ohio and Transport Ohio within CORPO.	<i>CORPO/MORPC</i>	<i>As Needed</i>
Complete other long-range system studies: Use regional data and resources and technical expertise in highway, thoroughfare, transit, pedestrian, access management, freight, and bikeway planning to analyze specific long-range transportation needs to assist members.	<i>CORPO/Local Governments</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Budget:

Total Work Element \$69,653 \$55,722 FHWA, \$6,965 ODOT, \$6,965 MORPC

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665 – Special Studies

Supplemental Planning

This work element includes additional planning activities that will supplement the core RTP0 work elements, and currently includes one activity.

In 2022, CORPO applied to USDOT’s Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary program for planning funds to complete a Safety Action Plan for the seven-county CORPO planning area. In January 2023, CORPO received notification of award of these funds to develop the plan.

Product: Method	Agencies	Schedule
CORPO Safety Action Plan: Develop a safety action plan for the seven-county CORPO planning area in accordance with the funding program guidelines and requirements.	CORPO	November 2024

Budget:

Total Work Element \$250,000 \$200,000 FHWA, \$0 ODOT, \$50,000 MORPC

As of the end of SFY 24 approximately \$34,000 is expected to carry over into SFY 25