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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, December 5, 2024
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Ben Kessler, Acting Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of **November 7, 2024 minutes**
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, Executive Director
4. **Proposed Resolution 17-24: “Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2025”** – William Murdock Executive Director and Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
5. **Committee Updates**
 - **Benefits & Compensation Committee** – Joe Stefanov, Chair

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

- **Proposed Resolution EC-03-24: “Setting compensation guidelines and limits for the 2025 compensation year”** – Shawn Hufstедler, Chief Operating Officer
 - **Bylaws Committee** – Haley Lupton, Chair
 - **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning
 - **Proposed Resolution 21-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with District 17 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) to serve as the liaison for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program”**
 - **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
 - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
 - **Proposed Resolution 18-24: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda”**
6. **Proposed Resolution 19-24: “Accepting the Village of Alexandria as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”** – William Murdock, Executive Director
 7. **Proposed Resolution 20-24: “Accepting the City of Marion as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”** – William Murdock, Executive Director
 8. **Proposed Resolution EC-05-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to administer the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025”** – Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning
 9. **Proposed Resolution 22-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements for July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for a home repair program”** – Robert Williams, Residential Services Senior Director
 10. **Draft Commission Agenda**
 11. **Other Business**
 12. **Executive Session – ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1)**
Purpose: to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges

or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

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**The next Executive Committee Meeting is
Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 7, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Board Room

Members Attending in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong
Chris Amorose Groomes
James Jewell

Ben Kessler
Kris Long
Haley Lupton

Matt Starr

Members Attending Remotely

Laurie Jadwin

Joe Stefanov

MORPC Staff Attending in Person

Parag Agrawal
Steve Armstrong
Matika Garrison
Ralonda Hampton

Shawn Hufstedler
Jessica Kuenzli
Kelsey Matson
William Murdock

Shari Saunders
Robert Williams

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Joe Garrity

Guests Attending Remotely

Paull Jeffers, Environmental Design Group

Welcome – Ben Kessler

Acting Chair Ben Kessler called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Matt Starr made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Chris Amorose Groomes; motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock

William Murdock presented the [Executive Director's Report](#). Mr. Murdock thanked those who ran for office and/or had issues on their ballots. No matter how it went, MORPC appreciates your service to your community.

Mr. Murdock shared that Village of Somerset Mayor and MORPC member Tom Johnson passed away. He believed in connecting Perry County and Somerset to our organization and will be missed.

To commemorate Veterans' Day, MORPC's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee arranged for guided tours of the National Veterans' Memorial and Museum for MORPC staff on November 20, 10 a.m. or November 21, 3 p.m. Mr. Murdock extended the invitation to committee members. Kris Long shared there is a day long festival at the Museum on November 10 in place of the Veterans' Day parade.

MORPC had the opportunity to talk about passenger rail at the recent Central Ohio Mayors & Managers Meeting at the Governor's House. The event allowed local mayors and managers to share local policy initiatives with the governor.

The Bylaws Committee will be convening in January for a general clean up and to add new committees. Haley Lupton chairs the committee. Let Mr. Murdock or Ms. Lupton know if you are interested in serving on the committee.

The Memphis Tennessee Regional Council fell apart a few years ago and are in the process of building a new one. They invited Mr. Murdock to come talk to them about MORPC.

Mr. Murdock noted we typically have a members services update today. Eileen Leuby is out of town on a well-deserved vacation. Mr. Murdock will incorporate a few items into his report today. The summer intern program is open for communities to apply for interns.

Mr. Murdock congratulated COTA on the passage of the LinkUS ballot issue with 56 percent of the vote. It raised the sales tax for transit from one-half percent to one percent. It means more transit types and more funding for trails and sidewalks. MORPC is coordinating the trails and sidewalk piece. James Jewell and Megan O'Callaghan are co-chairs of the Trails and Sidewalks Committee. Mr. Murdock thanked members for their support. For those outside the COTA service area, this means your rural systems will have better transit to connect into.

Nearly 700 people attended the October 29 Summit on Sustainability. The morning plenary session featured regional council leaders from across the country. The keynote session with Jeff Speck was great and the four Pecha Kucha presenters brought down the house. Fifteen breakout sessions were offered throughout the day-long event. Mr. Murdock thanked the MORPC Team and the Executive Committee for their support. We are reaching the physical capacity for holding the Summit at the current location. Part of the conversation moving forward is a possible change in venue and adding more breakout sessions.

The 208 Process Review Committee is meeting monthly. They started narrowing down their recommendations such as defining the service area, committee structure, dispute resolution process, etc. Recommendations are expected to come before the Executive Committee in early 2025.

The Regional Water Study is ongoing. The results are expected in early 2025. Because of the intensity of the development issues, Licking County was broken out and will be finished December 2024.

Upcoming Events:

- STEPZ (Strategic Training on Effective Planning and Zoning) Workshop – November 19, 8 a.m., MORPC
- Pre-Commission Luncheon with Steve Steinour, Chairman, President & CEO of Huntington Bank – November 14, 12 p.m., MORPC

MORPC continues to work with universities to offer all our MORPC members and their employees discounts. Mr. Murdock announced two new partnerships:

- Capital University is offering discounts and/or scholarships to employees and their dependent children.
- Columbus College of Art and Design is offering discounts for employees on their MPS in UX Design or Retail Design.

Mr. Murdock announced that Derrick Clay was named the new CEO of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Quarterly Financial Statements – Shawn Hufstedler

Shawn Hufstedler presented the [Quarterly Financial Report 2024 Q3](#) highlighting:

- Budget vs Expenses – We are at 53 percent of our budget. We tend to under spend as we incorporate some potential funding that does not always come to fruition, and we also estimate on the high side of for production.
- Operating Reserve – Under goal due primarily to two large outstanding receivables totaling around \$1.5 million. We anticipate both getting caught up over the next few months.
- Gains/Losses – Net loss year-to-date due to revenue received in the prior year, but expenses showing in the current year. We continue to struggle with the need for more weatherization clients. Due to the work of Residential Services, we are able to minimize the impact through creative revenue generation opportunities.
- Fringe and indirect rates are both favorable.
- Impact of Government Account Standards Board mandates on financial statements – Net position would be approximately \$5.6 million greater or a positive balance of \$4,279,863.
- Member Dues – Over budget. Expected to come back in line by the end of the year.
- We are finding that as we diversify our funding, it takes longer to figure out how to draw down money from the new source. The Finance Team is evaluating how we are closing our financial statements to see if we can issue invoices faster.
- The Finance Team went through a process improvement procedure this year for accounts payable that made a quick impact on the internal flow.

The full September 2024 Financial Report is available [here](#).

Benefits & Compensation Committee – Joe Stefanov

Joe Stefanov reported the Benefits & Compensation Committee met in October and discussed raises for 2025 and pay grade changes. These will be brought to the Executive Committee in December. The Benefits & Compensation Committee includes representatives from COTA, Dublin, Columbus, New Albany, Franklin County, Delaware County, Union County, and MORPC. The committee also discussed the potential impact of the recent changes in the overtime labor law as well as health care premium changes and plan updates. MORPC is part of the Franklin County health care plan and will have no premium increases for 2025.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity

Joe Garrity thanked members for their leadership and gave the legislative update highlighting:

- Election results
 - MORPC lost two key allies in Senator Sherrod Brown and State Senator Stephanie Kunze.
 - U.S. Senate appointment by Gov. DeWine to replace Senator Vance; will need to win a special election in 2026.
 - New Central Ohio Representative Dave Taylor.
- Federal lame duck priorities include a continuing resolution, and the National Defense Authorization Act.
- Ohio Public Works Commission update.
- House Bill 3 includes Technical Assistance Fund to help spend funds on zoning and increase housing access.
- Appropriation in transportation budget to help with passenger rail.
- Ohio General Assembly update.

Mr. Garrity reported the Regional Policy Roundtable will present the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda next month for adoption.

Transportation Policy Committee – Parag Agrawal

Parag Agrawal gave an update on the infrastructure funding and technical assistance programs.

- MORPC manages the FTA Section 5310 funding program that enhances the mobility of senior citizens and persons with disabilities. We received 21 applications seeking approximately \$3.1 million for the \$1.7 million available this round. The review committee meets November 13. Recommendations will be brought to this committee.
- MORPC provides technical assistance to enhance active transportation to MPO member communities. We received four applications for 2025. The review committee is meeting to identify the two communities receiving assistance in 2025.
- MORPC has approximately \$50 million from different federal grant programs to help member communities with various transportation investments. This year we received 20 applications seeking \$167 million. The Attributable Funds Committee will determine funding for the communities later this year. Recommendations will be brought to this committee.

MORPC works with member communities and state and federal partners to attract funding to Central Ohio. Earlier this year MORPC applied for a \$1.5 million RAISE grant for Trail Towns in the Nation's Heartland. While the application was not funded, we did receive the Certificate of Merit status, making the application eligible for a separate round of funding in the next cycle.

MORPC is applying for a \$1 million U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant to support assessment, clean up and reuse of brownfield sites.

U.S. DOT's Regional Infrastructure Accelerators (RIA) Program provides approximately \$10 million with no match to communities who want to invest in regional infrastructure and are geared towards innovative financing and implementation of investments in transportation. The application deadline is January 9, 2025.

The next Passenger Rail Committee meeting is November 12 and includes presentations from Amtrak and the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC). Ten leaders from Central Ohio went to Fort Wayne on October 31 to meet with the city's mayor.

Team Members will give a presentation on Safe Streets at next week's Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Jessica Kuenzli

Jessica Kuenzli reminded members that MORPC provides administrative and liaison support to the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) District 3. NRAC oversees the Clean Ohio funding routed through the Ohio Public Works Commission. NRAC approached MORPC about potentially serving in the same role for District 17. District 3 covers Franklin County. District 17 includes Fairfield, Licking, Knox, Morrow, Pickaway, and Delaware Counties. If the committee agrees with moving forward, Ms. Kuenzli will bring a resolution forward next month. MORPC will receive \$15,000 for administering the program. MORPC also assesses a one percent voluntary fee. No new personnel are needed. The Executive Committee agreed to move forward by consensus.

Proposed Resolution 16-24: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Federal highway Administration (FHWA) regarding recently awarded Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program funding and enter into related subcontracts" – Jessica Kuenzli

This resolution allows us to enter into contract with the \$15 million grant we received from federal highways. The CFI program is focused on expanding the EV charging network throughout Central Ohio.

Discussion led to a suggestion to create a database of EV chargers in Central Ohio that will list who has them, where they are, what is the usage, etc.

Kris Long made a motion to accept Resolution 16-24, second by James Jewell; motion passed.

Draft Commission Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft November 14, 2024 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Other Business

William Murdock announced the Columbus Metropolitan Club is having a special session on population and economic strength. Panelists include Padmini Roy-Dixon, Kenny McDonald, Matt Martin, and Doug Buchanan.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary
Executive Committee



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Shawn Hufstедler
Chief Operating Officer

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 17-24: **“Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2025”**

This resolution establishes an agency operating budget of \$30,436,359 for calendar year 2025 and sets authorized appropriation levels for the agency operating and capital expenditures budget line items.

The full 2025 operating budget document with comparisons to the 2024 budget and an executive summary highlighting key elements of the 2025 budget is attached.

The proposed transfers are as follows:

- Transfer \$1,000,000 out of the Operating Reserve to the main operating account.
 - This transfer will only occur, if needed, in accordance with the operating reserve policy.
- Transfer \$1,000,000 into the Operating Reserve to transfer (if needed) member dues funding to increase the Operating Reserve and return the funds transferred as noted above, if applicable.
- Transfer \$50,000 out of the Operating Reserve to the main operating account.
 - This transfer authorization is for the management reserve, if needed, to fund new intended revenue-generating activity and/or relatively minor shortages in funding for certain programs.
- Transfer \$100,000 out of the main operating account to the Operating Reserve.
 - This authorization is for the purpose of transferring positive net income from certain program groups to be invested in the Operating and Management Reserves in accordance with the Operating Reserve Policy.

Attachment: Resolution 17-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 17-24

“Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2025”

WHEREAS, the Commission annually adopts the agency budget and fund account appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the finance team, working with the executive director and all MORPC departments, has formulated the 2025 Budget and fund account appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the 2025 Budget and fund account appropriations and recommends adoption; now therefore,

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

Section 1. That the operating budget attached as page 6 of the 2025 Budget is adopted.

Section 2. That the finance director is hereby authorized and directed to adopt the 2025 fund appropriations as shown below and transfer funds up to the amounts listed in the transfer appropriation lines below.

Fund No.	Org. No.	Franklin County Object Code	Account Title	2025 Appropriations Budget
9013	13570	510000	Salaries	\$8,353,029
9013	13570	515000	Fringe Benefits	\$3,125,884
9013	13570	520000	Services & Charges and Materials	\$16,261,222
9013	13570	539500	Board Member Reimbursements	\$30,000
9013	13570	554000	Grants to Non-Profit Organizations and Governments	\$2,383,040
9013	13570	540000	Capital outlay – Furniture, Equipment & Leasehold Improvements	\$97,500
			TOTAL	\$30,250,675
			Transfer for Operating Reserve	
9042	42570	573300	Transfer Appropriation – Out	\$1,000,000
9013	13570	473300	Transfer Appropriation – In	\$1,000,000
9013	13570	573300	Transfer Appropriation - Out	\$1,000,000
9042	42570	473300	Transfer Appropriation - In	\$1,000,000
			Transfer for Management Reserve	
9042	42570	573300	Transfer Appropriation – Out	\$50,000

9013	13570	473300	Transfer Appropriation – In	\$50,000
9013	13570	573300	Transfer Appropriation – Out	\$100,000
9042	42570	473300	Transfer Appropriation – In	\$100,000

- 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 the finance director is authorized and directed to make any necessary allocation changes within a single fund of the appropriations up to 5 percent of the total appropriations to accommodate operating and accounting requirements of the Commission.
- Section 5. 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: January 1, 2025
Submitted by: Shawn Hufstедler, Chief Operating Officer
Prepared by: Steve Armstrong, Finance Director
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: December 12, 2024
Attachment: 2025 Budget



MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2025 BUDGET



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MORPC 2025 operating budget is \$30,436,359 an increase of \$6,806,941 (28.8%) from 2024's budget of \$23,629,418.

Looking toward 2025, MORPC's finances are strong. The agency will continue to make investments strategically, while also prioritizing the preservation of cash to ensure the long-term sustainability of its operations. With relatively high interest rates persisting, uncertainty continues around the national economy. However, MORPC remains optimistic – economic development projects in the region continue to grow, large amounts of federal funding are available to the region, and nationwide inflation is on the decline. This budget seeks to continue a balanced approach of using resources responsibly, while still targeting investments that will improve services for members and the region.

MORPC will continue to aggressively pursue grants and contracts that will benefit its members. While some increases have been budgeted, a mid-year budget amendment will be completed if needed to adjust for new funding and programs as we move through 2025.

This budget focuses on MORPC's Strategic Framework Goals, which include:

- Drive Investment;
- Pay It Forward;
- Create an Environment for Prosperity; and
- Build Value for Our Members.

MORPC is pursuing a number of initiatives to continue to advance these goals, which include the following:

Drive Investment

- To attract investment to the region and create opportunities for members and all of Central Ohio, MORPC will continue to devote more resources toward efforts in the areas of economic development and regional investment. This includes continued funding in the following positions: Economic Development Director, Regional Investment Officer, Economic Development Planner, Grants Coordinator, and Grants Intern. The MORPC team continues to implement the Economic Development District that was recognized by United States Economic Development Administration (USEDA) in late 2023.
- MORPC will continue to support planning efforts around major projects, such as the Intel Project in Licking County. MORPC is budgeting funding received from ODOT to support this planning work.
- MORPC continues to develop the Regional Water Plan and implement the process for 208 clean water quality management planning.
- Through LinkUS, MORPC will continue to invest in smart development to connect communities and create opportunities for a more equitable and sustainable region for everyone by helping to address growth, affordability, and opportunity gaps in Central Ohio. In collaboration with the City of Columbus, Central Ohio Transit Authority, and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, LinkUS will bring more Bus Rapid Transit to the region, create more walkable communities, expand access to opportunities, and more.

- MORPC continues to work on multiple rail projects and stood up the Central Ohio Passenger Rail Committee to advise and help steer passenger rail planning and ancillary work in Central Ohio. This includes work on the collaborative effort called Midwest Connect to connect Chicago, Fort Wayne, IN, Columbus, OH and Pittsburgh with passenger rail service, as well as continued work on the 3C+D corridor to connect Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati.

Pay It Forward

- MORPC will continue to enhance public service leadership and build capacity in Central Ohio communities by training local elected officials and appointed leaders; provide extensive member-focused forums, briefings, and special events; and connect young leaders to public service through MORPC's Local Government Internship Program. MORPC continues to expand our partnership with colleges and universities in the region to offer educational discounts to employees of all member agencies.

Create an Environment for Prosperity

- MORPC will continue to deliver essential tools for the region to get better as it grows bigger, including expanded research, visual tools, and proactive briefings; continued expertise to tackle the housing challenge; and programs and tools to inform and drive sustainability and mobility efforts.
- MORPC will implement two large electric vehicle (EV) charging projects in 2025, including the largest grant ever received by the agency. These programs are designed to support the maintenance and expansion of electric vehicle charging to improve access to clean transportation and facilitate the transition to sustainable energy solutions.

Build Value for Our Members

- In response to the challenges of growth and staffing in many of the region's local governments, MORPC continues to develop the recently added resources for planning assistance. This includes a staffing pool of planners available for short-term assignments with MORPC members to assist with planning and development staffing needs. MORPC also developed a task order consultant program to streamline the process for local governments to engage pre-negotiated services from a network of planning and development firms and consultants.
- MORPC will be an excellent steward of regional resources. In this budget, MORPC is using \$405,215 in funding to bolster its operating reserve, which will further strengthen MORPC's finances, improve financial resiliency, and support MORPC's 60-day or more operating reserve balance target.
- MORPC will continue to be a strong resource and collaborative forum for Central Ohio communities. MORPC members will continue to have access to the newly renovated space and will benefit from virtual meeting tools.
- MORPC will continue to provide a strong return on investment (ROI) for all local government members.

The details below show some changing initiatives and new programs. Here are some notable highlights for 2025:

MPO& CORPO (Jointly Funded Projects)

- The Federal Highway Administration funds decreased to \$3,393,968 in 2025 from \$4,016,119 in 2024. This decrease was due to more carry-over funds available in 2024

than in 2025, primarily the result of significant turnover in 2023. This timing difference is expected to be balanced out by non-jointly funded project work in 2025.

Programming and Planning

- The increase in programming funding for 2025 can be attributed to several key factors. FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program has seen significant growth, with more funding available in 2025 compared to 2024. This increase is primarily due to a resolution of nationwide supply chain issues that had delayed vehicle purchases for subrecipients in previous years. With these issues now resolved, more funds are expected to be utilized in the upcoming year.
- In 2025, more funding is being secured through various programs, such as the Safe Streets for All program, which provides resources for transportation safety and infrastructure improvements.
- Funds for the newly established Economic Development District are expected to contribute to the increased funding for programming.
- Various transportation projects include projected funding for rail and the RAISE for trail towns.
- Planning is budgeted to increase due to 2 new grants related to Electrical Vehicle charging. The Charging Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant will add funding of \$3,429,785 and the EV Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program will add an additional \$1,917,611. The projects will repair/replace, maintain, and expand EV chargers throughout the Central Ohio region.

Residential Services

- The 2025 budget for Residential Services (RS) shows a slight reduction in funding with an overall reduction in Weatherization and an increase in Home Repair. Specifically, the HWAP budget will decrease from \$4,382,032 in 2024 to \$4,028,831 in 2025. The Columbia Gas budget also decreases from \$2,095,620 in 2024 to \$1,363,840 in 2025. These decreases are due to a combination of right-sizing the budgets for contractor costs and a decrease in eligible applicants reaching the programs. However, there are still efforts underway to boost efficiency and revenue generation in MORPC's Weatherization programs, including additional installation of funded measures by MORPC team members. In addition, MORPC is increasing its focus on broader home repair and renovation efforts, including radon mitigation and lead safe programs. The service area for these initiatives is expanding to include the City of Westerville, with plans to continue broadening outreach to other communities. The Home Repair budget has received a significant increase of \$847,635 raising funding from \$2,102,901 in 2024 to \$2,950,535 in 2025. This boost will help MORPC continue providing critical support to families in need.

The Detailed Revenue by Department schedule, which is in the Appendix, shows additional detail on program fluctuations from year to year.

This budget also makes investments in staffing that will increase program focused positions that will support the priority programs of the agency. The budget also shows a similar level of turnover/soft funding assumption associated with staffing based on recent turnover trends, which is in line with the expectations of other organizations due to the current employment climate.

The fringe rate will rise to 59% of wages in 2025, which is slightly increased from 57.5% in 2024. Additionally, the indirect cost allocation rate will lower to 61.0% of direct labor (i.e., wages and fringe), which was 62.5% in 2024. The net impact of these two modest changes will result in a near net zero change to the direct programs.

SOURCES (Funding Sources – Page 11)

Total 2025 sources of \$30,436,359 are greater than the 2024 sources budget of \$23,629,418 with the large increases for the EV programs and additional fluctuations in some funding sources and programs as is typical for MORPC.

Revenue from federal sources is budgeted to increase to \$21,861,781 (or by 44%) from \$15,210,779. Federal sources account for 72% of the operating budget. The increase can primarily be attributed to the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant (CFI) and the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program (EV Charger) funds.

Local and other budgeted revenue is projected to increase by 13% to \$4,013,175 in 2025 from \$3,099,673 in 2024. Housing Local Contracts is the largest increase primarily as a result of the new City of Westerville Home Repair program with other modest increases in Planning and Data related funding areas.

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Salaries and fringe benefits are budgeted to increase from \$10,983,466 to \$11,478,913 (or 4.51%) as a result of new positions, across the board wage increases, some promotions/wage adjustments, and fringe benefit cost increases. Staff was budgeted at 95.3 FTEs in the 2024 budget and is budgeted at 96.3 FTEs in 2025.

MORPC will increase the amount of funding it is setting aside for its operating reserve to \$405,215 to further strengthen MORPC's finances, improve financial resiliency, and support MORPC's 60-day or more operating reserve balance target.

Services & Charges are higher primarily due to more being budgeted in 2025 for FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program subgrant funds.

Subcontractors are expected to increase significantly from \$6,996,347 in 2024 to \$11,473,672 due to the addition of several programs that will need to utilize subcontractors including the EV Charger, CFI, Lead Safe, and City of Westerville Home Repair.

Depreciation and Amortization increased from \$189,684 in 2024 to \$795,559 in 2025 due to the implementation of a new GASB pronouncement that records amortization differently for lease payments in prior year budgets. The depreciation amount included within the 2025 budget (of approximately \$186,000) is consistent with the 2024 budget amount for depreciation alone.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (Page 6)

The capital expenditures budget for 2025 is \$97,500 down from the 2024 expense of \$120,000. The 2025 expense is attributable to the planned purchase of a new van for Residential Services weatherization and other various equipment for IT and other areas.

USE OF MEMBER DUES (Page 7)

The total 2025 member dues budget is \$1,666,760 (a 5.7% increase compared to 2024). Dues funding is provided by MORPC members. Revenue is increasing due to the addition of new members, an increase in population, and a Commission-approved increase to member dues. Of the 2025 budgeted amount: \$405,215 of the dues are being set aside to bolster MORPC's operating reserve in support of the Commission-approved 60-day operating reserve target (similar to the \$400,000 in 2024), \$21,009 is being used to cover CORPO transportation matching requirements (MPO transportation matching requirements are being met using other local funds), and \$187,599 is for building lease expenses.

Services to Members makes up the majority of the dues budget with \$900,893 budgeted for work for members such as executive director services, proactive legislation, public policy work, member services coordination, and other services (including regional investment work). Member Dues represent approximately 5.5% of the operating sources budget. Dues are provided by 82 participating local government members (counties, townships, municipalities, and villages) at annual rates set by the Commission. Finally, associate members, which includes eight regionally-oriented units of local government, are currently participating as members of MORPC at an annual rate of \$1,250 each.

APPROPRIATIONS (Page 8)

The appropriations are similar to the agency operating expenses, coming in at \$30,250,675 for 2025.

OPERATING BUDGET

SOURCES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING			
Jointly Funded Projects (MPO & CORPO)	\$5,020,149	\$4,242,460	(\$777,689)
Programming - Transportation & Infrastructure Development	\$5,510,619	\$7,304,974	\$1,794,355
Planning	\$1,960,613	\$7,079,610	\$5,118,997
Planning - Data and Mapping	\$336,457	\$454,060	\$117,603
SUBTOTAL PLANNING, DATA AND TRANSPORTATION	\$12,827,838	\$19,081,103	\$6,253,265
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES			
Residential Energy Efficiency	\$6,537,783	\$5,524,683	(\$1,013,100)
Housing & Rehab Services	\$2,102,901	\$2,950,535	\$847,634
SUBTOTAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICES	\$8,640,684	\$8,475,218	(\$165,466)
MEMBER SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT	\$1,153,431	\$1,240,536	\$87,105
OPERATING RESERVE	\$400,000	\$405,215	\$5,215
OTHER	\$607,465	\$1,234,287	\$626,822
TOTAL SOURCES	\$23,629,418	\$30,436,359	\$6,806,941

Detail Budgets provided on pages 9-10

USES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$10,983,466	\$11,478,913	\$495,447
Materials and Supplies	\$307,517	\$183,107	(\$124,410)
Services - Subcontractors	\$6,996,347	\$11,473,672	\$4,477,325
Services & Charges	\$4,752,401	\$6,099,887	\$1,347,486
Additions to Operating Reserve	\$400,000	\$405,216	\$5,216
Depreciation and Amortization	\$189,684	\$795,559	\$605,875
TOTAL USES	\$23,629,418	\$30,436,359	\$6,806,940
NET CHANGE	\$0	\$0	\$0

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

SOURCES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Cash *	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)
TOTAL SOURCES	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)
USES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Equipment, Vehicles & Other Assets	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)
Furniture & Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)

* - Represents cash available and recoverable via grants

DETAIL OF MEMBER DUES

SOURCES:	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
RPC Member Dues (\$.36 - 2024, \$.38 - 2025)	\$948,124	\$1,018,394	\$70,270
MPO Member Dues (\$.210 - 2024, \$.215 - 2025)	\$410,818	\$424,892	\$14,074
Associate Members	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Building (\$.07 - 2024, \$.07 - 2025)	\$183,036	\$187,599	\$4,563
CORPO Local Match (\$.105 - 2024, \$.110 - 2025)	\$24,338	\$25,875	\$1,537
TOTAL SOURCES	\$1,576,316	\$1,666,760	\$90,444
USES:			
Transportation Match / Operating Reserve (MPO & CORPO)	\$422,888	\$426,224	\$3,336
SUBTOTAL LOCAL MATCH	\$422,888	\$426,224	\$3,336
Executive Director Services to Members	\$44,384	\$46,172	\$1,788
Proactive Legislative Activity	\$212,698	\$229,684	\$16,986
Public Policy & Multi-jurisdictional	\$265,265	\$292,978	\$27,713
Member Service Coordination	\$214,356	\$213,648	(\$708)
Annual Salary Survey	\$8,646	\$9,070	\$424
Mid-Ohio Finance Administrators (MOFA)	\$2,020	\$2,085	\$65
Other Services to Members	\$104,436	\$107,255	\$2,819
SUBTOTAL FOR SERVICES TO MEMBERS	\$851,805	\$900,893	\$49,088
Executive Director Development	\$43,767	\$45,531	\$1,764
Executive Director & Staff Travel & Registration	\$7,400	\$14,670	\$7,270
Board Travel & Registration	\$10,595	\$12,195	\$1,600
Other Development/Business Development	\$2,149	\$4,279	\$2,130
SUBTOTAL DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$63,911	\$76,675	\$12,764
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	\$49,830	\$50,877	\$1,047
Miscellaneous	\$3,300	\$5,919	\$2,619
Contingency & Cost Overruns	\$1,546	\$18,573	\$17,027
SUBTOTAL OTHER	\$54,676	\$75,369	\$20,693
Building Lease Expense	\$183,036	\$187,599	\$4,563
SUBTOTAL BUILDING	\$183,036	\$187,599	\$4,563
TOTAL USES OF MEMBER PER-CAPITA FEES	\$1,576,316	\$1,666,760	\$90,444

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS

ACCT #	ACCOUNT TITLES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
SALARIES				
	Salaries - Regular	\$7,870,061	\$8,342,349	\$472,288
	Salaries - PTO and Sick Leave Payout	\$62,301	\$10,680	(\$51,621)
510000	SUBTOTAL SALARIES	\$7,932,362	\$8,353,029	\$420,667
FRINGE BENEFITS				
	PERS - Regular	\$1,072,532	\$1,124,298	\$51,766
	PERS - PTO and Sick Leave Payout	\$10,679	\$10,679	\$0
	SUBTOTAL PERS	\$1,083,211	\$1,134,977	\$51,766
	Medicare Tax	\$111,084	\$106,045	(\$5,039)
	Unemployment Compensation	\$17,100	\$17,100	\$0
	Workers Compensation	\$93,949	\$90,821	(\$3,128)
	Fringe Benefits Other (includes group medical, dental, vision, life and disability)	\$1,745,761	\$1,776,941	\$31,180
515000	SUBTOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$3,051,105	\$3,125,884	\$74,779
	TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$10,983,466	\$11,478,913	\$495,446
MATERIALS, SERVICES & CHARGES				
	Materials & Supplies	\$307,517	\$183,107	(\$124,410)
	Services & Charges:			
	Subcontractors	\$6,996,347	\$11,473,672	\$4,477,325
	Services and Charges	\$3,976,436	\$5,784,857	\$1,808,421
	Additions to Operation Reserves	\$400,000	\$405,215	\$5,215
	Rent and Utilities	\$704,163	\$693,455	(\$10,708)
	Travel	\$71,802	\$133,955	\$62,153
	SUBTOTAL SERVICES & CHARGES & MATERIALS	\$12,456,265	\$18,674,261	\$6,217,996
520000	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$23,439,731	\$30,153,175	\$6,713,443
Capital Expenditures				
	Equipment, Vehicles & Other Assets	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)
	Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
540000	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)
	TOTAL	\$23,559,731	\$30,250,675	\$6,690,943

APPENDIX

DETAIL SOURCES BY DEPARTMENT

	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
MPO & CORPO (Jointly Funded Projects)			
Federal Highway Administration (MPO & CORPO)	\$4,016,119	\$3,393,968	(\$622,151)
Ohio Department of Transportation (MPO & CORPO)	\$502,015	\$424,246	(\$77,769)
MORPC Transportation Match (MPO & CORPO)	\$502,015	\$424,246	(\$77,769)
SUBTOTAL OF JOINTLY FUNDED PROJECTS	\$5,020,149	\$4,242,460	(\$777,689)
Programming - Transportation & Infrastructure Development			
Infrastructure Program	\$200,049	\$193,779	(\$6,270)
Gohio	\$796,360	\$774,519	(\$21,841)
Regional Supplemental Planning	\$174,399	\$209,594	\$35,195
FTA 5310 Designated Recipient - Enhanced Mobility Programs	\$1,781,286	\$2,731,917	\$950,631
Technical Assistance	\$284,148	\$266,968	(\$17,180)
Competitive and Economic Development & Fr. Co TID	\$587,905	\$652,106	\$64,201
USEDA Grant	\$6,398	\$293,521	\$287,123
Major Growth and Economic Development	\$736,127	\$475,000	(\$261,127)
CORPO Safe Streets for All	\$165,061	\$0	(\$165,061)
Safe Streets for All	\$0	\$663,429	\$663,429
ODOT Mobility Management Planning	\$224,702	\$235,101	\$10,399
Local Forecasting/ Modeling (NUC)	\$50,000	\$0	(\$50,000)
Various Transportation & Infrastructure Development Projects (NUC)	\$504,181	\$809,041	\$304,860
SUBTOTAL PROGRAMMING - TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	\$5,510,618	\$7,304,973	\$1,794,358
Planning			
Clean Ohio	\$21,060	\$29,031	\$7,971
Regional Supplemental Planning	\$136,376	\$138,042	\$1,666
Greenways Program	\$217,156	\$182,236	(\$34,920)
Air Quality Awareness	\$599,520	\$566,123	(\$33,397)
Insight 2050 Academy	\$4,000	\$0	(\$4,000)
Ohio EPA	\$119,317	\$0	(\$119,317)
Sustaining Scioto	\$133,650	\$141,839	\$8,189
Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy	\$43,410	\$0	(\$43,410)
Franklin County HAB and Issuer fees	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$0
USEPA Air Quality Grant	\$181,433	\$234,633	\$53,200
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	\$70,818	\$54,358	(\$16,460)
American Farmland Trust	\$14,086	\$0	(\$14,086)
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator	\$0	\$1,917,611	\$1,917,611
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)	\$0	\$3,429,785	\$3,429,785
Various Planning Projects (NUC)	\$399,289	\$365,452	(\$33,837)
SUBTOTAL PLANNING	\$1,960,613	\$7,079,610	\$5,118,995
Planning - Data & Mapping			
Regional Supplemental Planning	\$94,692	\$90,296	(\$4,396)
Various Data & Mapping Projects - Local	\$50,015	\$68,570	\$18,555
Various Data & Mapping Projects (NUC)	\$191,750	\$295,193	\$103,443
SUBTOTAL PLANNING - DATA & MAPPING	\$336,457	\$454,060	\$117,603
TOTAL PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING	\$12,827,838	\$19,081,103	\$6,253,266

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DETAIL SOURCES BY DEPARTMENT

	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES			
Energy Efficiency			
Columbia Gas WarmChoice	\$2,095,620	\$1,363,840	(\$731,780)
Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$1,389,644	\$628,814	(\$760,830)
Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$455,048	\$273,531	(\$181,517)
GLS Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$834,638	\$1,041,973	\$207,335
GLS Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$322,449	\$424,517	\$102,068
HWAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	\$588,029	\$676,841	\$88,812
GLS HWAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	\$792,224	\$983,155	\$190,931
WDBCO Workforce Wx Training NUC	\$8,000	\$0	(\$8,000)
Potential Weatherization Funding (NUC)	\$52,130	\$132,012	\$79,882
SUBTOTAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES	\$6,537,783	\$5,524,683	(\$1,013,099)
Residential Programs			
FC Home Repair Program	\$932,661	\$506,930	(\$425,731)
Franklin County HAB Applications	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
COCIC Home Repair	\$100,379	\$0	(\$100,379)
Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund Contract	\$247,365	\$263,838	\$16,473
Healthy Homes Production Program (HHPP) Grant	\$600,876	\$629,476	\$28,600
Ohio Department of Development Lead Safe Program	\$0	\$899,505	\$899,505
City of Westerville Home Repair Program	\$0	\$483,047	\$483,047
Affordable Housing Trust	\$33,077	\$50,597	\$17,520
Renew Homes	\$16,576	\$0	(\$16,576)
Various Rehab Projects (NUC)	\$161,966	\$107,142	(\$54,824)
SUBTOTAL RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS	\$2,102,901	\$2,950,535	\$847,635
TOTAL FOR RESIDENTIAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES	\$8,640,683	\$8,475,218	(\$165,464)

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	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
MEMBER SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT			
Services to Members	\$851,808	\$957,688	\$105,880
Development Fund	\$63,911	\$76,675	\$12,764
Building Lease Payments	\$183,036	\$187,599	\$4,563
Other	\$54,676	\$18,573	(\$36,103)
TOTAL MEMBER SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT (See Dues Page for Details)	\$1,153,432	\$1,240,536	\$87,105

	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
OTHER			
Local Government Internship Program - Administrative	\$25,779	\$90,570	\$64,791
State of the Region Luncheon	\$122,463	\$160,078	\$37,615
Summit On Sustainability	\$123,782	\$136,711	\$12,929
Operating Reserve	\$400,000	\$405,215	\$5,215
Other	\$110,467	\$109,973	(\$494)
Interest	\$42,800	\$98,354	\$55,554
Building Depreciation	\$156,006	\$165,293	\$9,287
Indirect Costs Variance (carryforward from prior years)	\$46,957	\$325,239	\$278,282
Fringe Benefits Variance (carryforward from prior years)	(\$20,789)	\$148,070	\$168,859
TOTAL OTHER	\$1,007,465	\$1,639,502	\$632,037
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,629,418	\$30,436,359	\$6,806,944

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING SOURCES

FUNDING SOURCES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
MEMBER DUES	\$1,576,319	\$1,666,761	\$90,442
FEDERAL FUNDING			
Federal Highway Administration (MPO & CORPO)	\$4,016,119	\$3,393,968	(\$622,151)
FTA/Other FHWA	\$4,737,818	\$5,153,445	\$415,627
FC Home Repair Program - CDBG	\$987,797	\$506,930	(\$480,867)
Home Weatherization Assistance Program - ODOD	\$4,382,033	\$4,042,641	(\$339,392)
Brownfields Grant NUC	\$199,992	\$0	(\$199,992)
USEDA Grant	\$6,398	\$223,521	\$217,123
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant -USEPA	\$70,818	\$54,358	(\$16,460)
American Farmland Trust	\$14,086	\$0	(\$14,086)
Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy	\$13,410	\$0	(\$13,410)
USEPA AQ Grant	\$181,433	\$234,633	\$53,200
Healthy Homes Production Program (HHPP) Grant - HUD	\$600,876	\$629,476	\$28,600
Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability & Accessibility Accelerator FHWA	\$0	\$1,917,611	\$1,917,611
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) - FHWA	\$0	\$3,429,785	\$3,429,785
Safe Streets For All - FHWA	\$0	\$663,429	\$663,429
Ohio Department of Development Lead Safe Program - ARPA	\$0	\$899,505	\$899,505
Other Federal Funding NUC	\$0	\$712,480	\$712,480
SUBTOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING	\$15,210,779	\$21,861,781	\$6,651,001
STATE FUNDING			
Ohio Department of Transportation (MPO & CORPO funding)	\$502,015	\$424,246	(\$77,769)
Ohio Public Works Commission (Infrastructure/Clean Ohio)	\$77,549	\$88,966	\$11,417
Ohio EPA Funding	\$119,317	\$0	(\$119,317)
Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund Contract	\$247,365	\$263,838	\$16,473
Other State Funding	\$545,841	\$56,520	(\$489,321)
SUBTOTAL STATE FUNDING	\$1,492,087	\$833,570	(\$658,517)
UTILITIES	\$2,095,620	\$1,482,042	(\$613,578)
FOUNDATION/CORPORATE FUNDING	\$128,772	\$105,721	(\$23,051)
LOCAL & OTHER FUNDING			
Infrastructure Program & Clean Ohio	\$143,560	\$133,844	(\$9,716)
Summit on Sustainability	\$123,782	\$136,711	\$12,929
Housing Local Contracts	\$116,956	\$600,189	\$483,233
Transportation & Infrastructure Local Funds	\$1,163,451	\$1,187,651	\$24,200
Planning - Data & Mapping Local Funds	\$346,247	\$463,329	\$117,082
Planning Local Funds	\$428,876	\$614,948	\$186,072
Greenways Local Program	\$217,156	\$182,236	(\$34,920)
State of the Region	\$122,463	\$160,078	\$37,615
Local Government Internship Program	\$25,779	\$90,570	\$64,791
Other	\$368,603	\$345,266	(\$23,337)
Interest	\$42,800	\$98,354	\$55,554
SUBTOTAL LOCAL & OTHER FUNDING	\$3,099,673	\$4,013,175	\$913,502
Interperiod Indirect Receivable/(Reserve)	\$46,957	\$325,239	\$278,282
Interperiod Fringe Benefits Receivable/(Reserve)	(\$20,789)	\$148,070	\$168,859
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	\$23,629,418	\$30,436,359	\$6,806,941

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SCHEDULE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
SUBCONTRACTORS BY DEPARTMENT			
PROGRAMMING - TRANSPORTATION			
Major Growth and Economic Development	\$650,000	\$475,000	(\$175,000)
Safe Streets for All	\$0	\$800,000	\$800,000
Other/Local Transportation Projects (NUC)	\$239,926	\$376,028	\$136,102
SUBTOTAL PROGRAMMING - TRANSPORTATION	\$889,926	\$1,651,028	\$761,102
PLANNING & DATA			
Air Quality Awareness	\$80,841	\$81,780	\$939
Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy	\$13,410	\$0	(\$13,410)
USEPA Air Quality Grant (NUC)	\$82,000	\$104,366	\$22,366
Natural Asset Mapping	\$12,500	\$0	(\$12,500)
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator	\$0	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Other Misc./Local Transportation Projects (NUC)	\$226,305	\$0	(\$226,305)
SUBTOTAL PLANNING	\$415,056	\$4,886,146	\$4,471,090
RESIDENTIAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES			
Columbia Gas Warmchoice	\$1,416,786	\$831,858	(\$584,928)
Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$467,388	\$253,321	(\$214,067)
Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$317,990	\$210,412	(\$107,578)
GLS Weatherization Assistance Program	\$529,958	\$519,918	(\$10,040)
GLS Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$241,744	\$314,043	\$72,299
HWAP Readiness	\$48,741	\$48,741	\$0
GLS Readiness	\$21,122	\$42,243	\$21,121
HWAP BIL	\$575,901	\$359,738	(\$216,163)
GLS BIL	\$792,224	\$565,882	(\$226,342)
Franklin County Urgent Repair Program	\$626,000	\$408,000	(\$218,000)
COCIC Home Repair for Wx Deferrals NUC	\$80,000	\$0	(\$80,000)
Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund Contract	\$151,000	\$138,202	(\$12,798)
Healthy Homes Production Program (HHPP) Grant	\$311,114	\$311,115	\$1
Affordable Housing Trust	\$26,397	\$39,845	\$13,448
Renew Homes Inspections and Intake Support	\$10,000	\$0	(\$10,000)
Ohio Department of Development Lead Safe Program	\$0	\$520,830	\$520,830
City of Westerville Home Repair	\$0	\$372,350	\$372,350
Weatherization & Housing (NUC)	\$75,000	\$0	(\$75,000)
SUBTOTAL RESIDENTIAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES	\$5,691,365	\$4,936,498	(\$754,867)
TOTAL SUBCONTRACTOR EXPENSES	\$6,996,347	\$11,473,672	\$4,477,325

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Indirect Cost Allocation Budget
January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

	DIRECT LABOR & FRINGES	TOTAL INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION
Transportation & Infrastructure	\$2,855,206	\$1,741,676
Planning & Sustainability	\$1,884,896	\$1,149,787
Data & Mapping	\$1,217,316	\$742,563
Residential Services	\$1,885,193	\$1,149,968
Member Dues	\$511,046	\$311,738
Other Grants & Programs	\$111,743	\$68,163
Less: Estimated Turnover & Soft Funding	(\$553,589)	(\$337,693)
TOTAL GRANTS & PROGRAMS	\$7,911,812	\$4,826,201
Indirect Labor & Fringes		
Information & Technology Services		\$604,468
Finance		\$785,533
Communications & Engagement		\$441,115
Executive Management		\$711,521
Human Resources & Facility		\$521,999
Contract & Proposal Development, Other Indirect Labor		\$98,371
Less: Estimated Turnover & Soft Funding		(\$120,578)
TOTAL INDIRECT LABOR		\$3,042,429
General Overhead Expenses		
Materials & Supplies		\$44,260
Services & Charges		\$889,154
Rent & Utilities		\$492,374
Other General Overhead		\$27,744
TOTAL GENERAL OVERHEAD		\$1,453,532
Retention/Severance		\$5,000
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS		\$4,500,961
ACTUAL INDIRECT RATES		56.89%
Carry Forward Balance as of 12/31/23		\$325,239
ALLOCATED INDIRECT COSTS		\$4,826,201
ALLOCATED INDIRECT COSTS RATES		61.00%

	INDIRECT LABOR & FRINGES	GENERAL OVERHEAD	TOTAL
Information & Technology Services	\$604,468	\$263,687	\$868,155
Human Resources	\$414,353	\$180,707	\$595,061
Facility	\$107,646	\$557,226	\$664,872
Retention/Severance	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Finance	\$785,533	\$284,919	\$1,070,452
Communications & Engagement	\$441,115	\$88,413	\$529,528
Executive Management	\$711,521	\$6,340	\$717,861
Contract & Proposal Development, Other Indirect Labor	\$98,371	\$72,240	\$170,611
Less: Estimated Turnover & Soft Funding	(\$120,578)	\$0	(\$120,578)
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	\$3,042,429	\$1,458,532	\$4,500,961



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee

FROM: Shawn Hufstедler
Chief Operating Officer

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution EC-03-24: **“Setting compensation guidelines and limits for the 2025 compensation year”**

New compensation guidelines are recommended for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

After performing market research, review of budgetary restrictions, and review by the Benefits & Compensation Committee, MORPC management recommends 3.5 percent across the board salary increases for all permanent employees hired by September 30, 2024, effective on January 1, 2025.

Consistent with prior years and to meet the needs of changing positions and team members progressing in their careers while performing new duties, the resolution also authorizes promotions, wage scale adjustments, including those resulting from any compensation and classification/grade assessment, and “saves” of up to four and one-half (4.5%) percent of total payroll. This also includes potential awards for the salary enhancement programs, which are grant funded production-based incentive.

Consistent with our current practices, individuals that reach the maximum of their salary grade will not have an increase in their base annual salary beyond the maximum but may receive a one-time bonus based on performance.

MORPC will continue to use the performance evaluation program that is currently in place. The employee’s performance is rated, including how they perform their job in regard to reaching the agency’s mission and goals.

Attachment: Resolution EC-03-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION EC-03-24

“Setting compensation guidelines and limits for the 2025 compensation year”

WHEREAS, the new guidelines are established for calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Benefits & Compensation Committee met and discussed 2025 salary increases, health care and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Benefits & Compensation Committee deliberated and MORPC management provides the following recommendations; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the agency’s compensation guidelines and limits for the 2025 compensation year shall be as follows:
- a) Award three and one-half (3.5) percent across the board wage increases to permanent employees employed as of September 30, 2024.
 - b) The executive director is authorized an amount of four and one-half (4.5) percent of total annualized payroll as of September 30, 2024 for granting: wage scale adjustments, “saves”, salary enhancement and promotions without prior approval of the Executive Committee as long as it is prescribed by the compensation guidelines.
 - c) The executive director is authorized to provide a one-time merit bonus to staff that exceed their salary grade, if warranted, remaining within the above aggregate increase threshold.
- Section 2. That the finance director is authorized to use approximately three and one half (3.5) percent of total annualized payroll as of September 30, 2024 for across the board increases plus four and one-half (4.5) percent of total annualized payroll as of September 30, 2024 for wage scale adjustments, “saves”, salary enhancement and promotions.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Ben Kessler, Acting Chair
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Effective date:	January 1, 2025
Submitted by:	Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
Prepared by:	Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	December 5, 2024



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Jessica Kuenzli
Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 21-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with District 17 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) to serve as the liaison for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program”**

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) currently administers the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for District 3, covering Franklin County. The program's goal is to acquire open space, protect and enhance riparian corridors and protect conservation properties in perpetuity. In this capacity, MORPC staff serves as the official liaison to the Ohio Public Works Commission, working under the guidance of the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC).

MORPC has been asked to consider expanding its role to serve as the liaison for District 17, which encompasses Fairfield, Licking, Knox, Morrow, Pickaway, and Delaware Counties. There is currently a vacancy for the liaison role for this district. Should MORPC assume this responsibility, the role would begin in January 2025 with a total budget of \$17,500 through March of 2026 allocated for administrative costs. MORPC also reserves the right to assess applicants a voluntary fee of up to one percent per approved project. Key responsibilities would include planning and hosting NRAC meetings, ensuring compliance with program requirements, processing applications, and facilitating the selection of projects for awards.

Attachment: Resolution 21-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
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Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 21-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with District 17 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) to serve as the liaison for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) currently administers the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for District 3, covering Franklin County, and serves as the official liaison to the Ohio Public Works Commission under the guidance of the Natural Resources Assistance Council; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the program is to acquire open space, protect and enhance riparian corridors and protect conservation properties in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has been asked to consider expanding its role to serve as the liaison for District 17 beginning in January 2025, which encompasses Fairfield, Licking, Knox, Morrow, Pickaway, and Delaware Counties; and

WHEREAS, key responsibilities would include planning and hosting NRAC meetings, ensuring compliance with program requirements, processing applications, and facilitating the selection of projects for award; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into an agreement with District 17 through March 2026 with \$17,500 allocated for administrative costs. MORPC also reserves the right to assess applicants a voluntary fee of up to one percent per approved project.
- 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: December 12, 2024
Submitted by: Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning
Prepared by: Brandi Whetstone, Director of Sustainability
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: December 12, 2024



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 18-24: **“Adoption of MORPC’s 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda”**

Please find attached Resolution 18-24, adopting the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda. This document describes MORPC’s public policy advocacy priorities for the coming biennium. A reflection of MORPC’s goals, values, and current work, it will be utilized by MORPC staff to guide advocacy before the state and federal governments.

The Public Policy Agenda was formulated by a working group of MORPC members and community leaders, and approved by the Regional Policy Roundtable on November 21, 2024.

The Public Policy Agenda (PPA) Working Group was chaired by the Regional Policy Roundtable Vice Chair, Mayor Sloan Spalding (New Albany). The PPA Working Group was comprised of a diverse group of local business, non-profit, and government leaders, many of whom are MORPC commission members, from rural, urban, and suburban communities and representing a variety of political perspectives. The Working Group met on three occasions between August and October 2024.

The Regional Policy Roundtable recommends passage of Resolution 18-24 at the December 12 Commission meeting to allow for public circulation at the beginning of the new U.S. Congress and Ohio General Assembly in Q1 2025.

Attachment: Resolution 18-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 18-24

“Adoption of MORPC’s 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda”

WHEREAS, members of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Board, the Regional Policy Roundtable, and the Public Policy Agenda Working Group collaborated to create a robust, inclusive, and forward thinking 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda; and

WHEREAS, it describes MORPC’s leading and collaborative policy initiatives for the years 2025 and 2026, which directly relate to its mission, goals, and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda provides a framework to advocate for policies that promote regionalism, enhance Central Ohio’s transportation system, promote sustainability, and expand prosperity and opportunity in our growing region; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda provides direction to MORPC members and staff in order to act in concert with those initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda encourages a collaborative approach to public policy advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda was designed to reflect the Central Ohio region and address important public policy issues and legislation that occur throughout the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda will help MORPC lead in local, state, and federal policy matters; now therefore,

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

- Section 1. That it supports and adopts the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda.
- Section 2. 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 3. 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: December 12, 2024
Submitted by: Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
Prepared by: Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: December 12, 2024
Attachment: 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda

Public Policy Agenda 2025-2026: Regional Advocacy for Central Ohio at the State and Federal Levels

Lead—Opportunities for legislative and public policy leadership from MORPC

Goal 1: Regionalism: Promote regionalism at the local, state, and federal levels of government to create an environment for prosperity for all Central Ohio residents by fostering economic growth and efficient use of resources.

- Advocate for policies and legislation that empower local governments to enhance efficiency, innovation, and collaboration.
- Support policies that will provide Central Ohio with tools to help the region grow better as we get bigger.
- Promote and advance local government authority and collaboration to improve the quality of life, environment, and economy for our region.
- Support federal and state tax policies that promote inclusive economic growth and ensure the ability to provide vital local government services.
- Advocate for increases to Ohio's Local Government Fund.
- Oppose legislation that withholds local government funds from any community.
- Advance our Drive Investment strategy by identifying and supporting significant projects and grant opportunities to benefit all Central Ohio residents.
- Promote policies, programs, and funding to maintain and grow our region's critical infrastructure.
- Encourage legislation that allows all local governments to hold public meetings virtually at their discretion.
- Support legislation that encourages local governments to use new forms of technology for communications, official notices, contracts, and outreach to foster greater participation and reduce travel time.
- Advocate for policies, incentives, and funding that increase Central Ohio's supply of quality housing of all types and at all price levels.
- Pursue funding to support collaborative community research projects of strategic significance to Central Ohio
- Advocate for policies and legislation that support regional sewer and water collaboration.
- Support policies and legislation to maintain a robust supply of sustainable energy
- Support policies and resources that promote open data and standardization, protect the security of private, personal, and otherwise sensitive information, and enhance overall cybersecurity capabilities of local governments.

- Support the ability of local governments to fund, manage, and maintain digital assets and infrastructure
- Encourage implementation of data sharing and analytics that result in data-driven decisions and collaboration with regional partners, and federal and state agencies.

Goal 2: Mobility: Achieve an advanced, inclusive, and safe multi-modal transportation system that connects Central Ohio's people and products to the world.

- Advocate for an advanced multi-modal transportation system that improves interregional access to more public and private transportation choices, connecting to regional, national, and international markets, including LinkUS, 3C+D, Midwest Connect, and passenger rail corridors throughout Ohio.
- Advocate for policies, funding, and other resources that support the study and deployment of passenger rail in Central Ohio, including the establishment of an Office of Passenger Rail within the Ohio Rail Development Commission and membership in the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission.
- Pursue policies and funding to improve quality of life through expanded multimodal transportation options connecting marginalized communities in rural, suburban, and urban areas, including LinkUS, GOHIO Commute, and rural collaborations.
- Seek new revenue mechanisms for transportation at the local, state, and federal levels.
- Preserve funding streams created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and support continuation or expansion of IIJA programs in future surface transportation reauthorization legislation.
- Promote increased state and federal support and recognition of metropolitan and rural planning organizations and their regional approach to transportation planning and funding.
- Advance the logistics industry in Central Ohio and support investments and innovation in intermodal, rail, air, and other freight facilities.
- Support funding and policies that measurably improve transportation safety, advancing Vision Zero efforts and the Safe System Approach.
- Support increased funding for Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs) in Central Ohio, promoting intergovernmental and public-private cooperation to advance transportation projects and leverage state and federal funding.
- Pursue policies and funding to advance the goals of RAPID 5 and the Central Ohio Greenways and Blueways strategies for developing a more interconnected active transportation network for all.
- Advocate for regional policies that prepare Central Ohio communities for additional smart infrastructure and innovative technology investment.
- Support policies, funding, and incentives to expand use of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, allowing for more rapid region-wide adoption of zero-emission vehicles at scale.

Goal 3: Sustainability: Pursue sustainability solutions that protect and conserve our natural resources and promote a diverse supply of clean, affordable, and reliable sources of energy and water for our growing region.

- Advance, expand, and support funding for the integration of energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy for a healthier, more resilient, and more cost-effective energy portfolio.
- Advocate for innovative strategies and funding for public and private partners to achieve and maintain attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, while decreasing air pollution exposure and associated health impacts for Central Ohio residents.
- Advocate for funding, policies, and innovative strategies to manage, protect, and enhance the quality and quantity of our water resources, balancing public- and private-sector interests, and supporting existing and emerging economic activity in our growing region.
- Protect locally sourced energy aggregation authority, funding, and innovative financing mechanisms.
- Support and advocate for policies and funding for a timely cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields, historic buildings, and/or vacant, blighted, or abandoned land to revitalize communities.
- Assist in the rapid development of an advanced transportation network, inclusive of electric and alternative fuel vehicles and their infrastructure, to improve air quality and provide connectivity throughout the region's rural and urban communities.
- Pursue funding and policies to help protect existing and secure new parkland, wetlands, trails, prime agricultural land, and green space.

Goal 4: Prosperity and Opportunity: Drive initiatives that enhance community prosperity and create opportunities for every resident in our growing region.

- Improve access to job opportunities, broadband, resources, homeownership, health systems, and connected green space for marginalized communities.
- Advocate for policies that declare racism a public health crisis.
- Support public health and safety systems that protect residents of all backgrounds.
- Encourage the development of universal design policies and walkable communities that support lifelong and inclusive age-friendly communities.
- Encourage development of affordable, accessible, quality housing.
- Support policies that work to eliminate disparities and physical divisions in our growing region.
- Support policies and legislation to ensure fair enforcement of enhanced traffic safety laws.

Collaborate - Opportunities for MORPC to form coalitions with like-minded organizations

Economic Development

- Promote a robust and inclusive regional economy and actively collaborate with economic development and business organizations, non-profits, universities, and local governments.
- Utilize MORPC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to better leverage involvement of the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and advocate for funding and policies to advance local economic development interests.
- Support improved national and state policies and new funding to advance economic development.
- Advocate for the Economic Development Reauthorization Act, which will build local economic development capacity, supporting local project predevelopment activities, and increase resources available for planning and technical assistance.
- Be a critical partner to One Columbus' vision to make Central Ohio the most prosperous region in the country.
- Advance job-attraction and retention incentives, new tools, and strategies to encourage new jobs and investment that benefit the region.
- Collaborate with partners in education, labor, and the private sector to develop a more skilled and diverse workforce to readily meet the needs of Central Ohio businesses, reduce workforce shortages, and expand upward mobility into quality careers.

Sustainable Growth

- Promote efficient and effective use and management of waste streams through diversion, reuse, and recycling programs.
- Advocate for innovative land-use regulations and planning tools as a way to: promote sustainable development; maintain and reuse existing housing and commercial buildings; conserve environmentally sensitive areas; encourage farmland preservation; reduce energy consumption; provide transportation alternatives; and promote effective material management.
- Advocate for policies and funding that support a broad spectrum of housing options – in alignment with the Regional Housing Strategy and LinkUS– to meet the region's growing residential and workforce needs.
- Support policies and incentives that leverage existing infrastructure and encourage redevelopment and reinvestment in Central Ohio's neighborhoods and commercial districts.

Drive Investment

- Support federal funding for defense installations, missions, research, and other initiatives that benefit Central Ohio.
- Participate in coalitions and partnerships for MORPC local government members to understand, engage, and better position themselves for federal and state funding through appropriations, authorizations, bills, grants, and other opportunities.

- Advocate for retaining Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding in the federal appropriations process.
- Assist MORPC local governments in seeking and attracting historic federal investment opportunities that will help advance regional infrastructure, plan for growth, and cultivate job-creating projects in our region.



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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: November 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 19-24: **“Accepting the Village of Alexandria as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On November 7, 2024, the Village Council of the Village of Alexandria passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts the Village of Alexandria as a member of MORPC effective January 1, 2025, which helps meet the desire of MORPC’s membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The 2025 dues assessed to the Village of Alexandria will be \$1,250.

Attachment: Resolution 19-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 19-24

“Accepting the Village of Alexandria as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, the Village of Alexandria recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continue growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s mission is to be the regional voice and a catalyst for sustainability and economic prosperity in order to secure a competitive advantage for Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Alexandria has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of MORPC’s members to continue to grow for the benefit of strong collaboration on regional issues; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Alexandria will be assessed dues based on the 2024 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2024, the Village Council of the Village of Alexandria passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the Village of Alexandria is accepted as a member of MORPC effective January 1, 2025.
- Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that one (1) representative appointed by the Village of Alexandria is eligible to serve as a voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That 2025 dues will be assessed to the Village of Alexandria in the amount of \$1,250.
- Section 4. That the Village of Alexandria is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the Village based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. 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 6. 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:	January 1, 2025
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	December 12, 2024



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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: November 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 20-24: **“Accepting the City of Marion as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On October 28, 2024, the City Council of the City of Marion passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts the City of Marion as a member of MORPC effective January 1, 2025, which helps meet the desire of MORPC’s membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The 2025 dues assessed to the City of Marion will be \$15,992.

Attachment: Resolution 20-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 20-24

“Accepting the City of Marion as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, the City of Marion recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continue growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s mission is to be the regional voice and a catalyst for sustainability and economic prosperity in order to secure a competitive advantage for Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marion has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of MORPC’s members to continue to grow for the benefit of strong collaboration on regional issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marion will be assessed dues based on the 2024 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2024, the City Council of the City of Marion passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the City of Marion is accepted as a member of MORPC effective January 1, 2025.
- Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that two (2) representatives appointed by the City of Marion are eligible to serve as voting members on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That 2025 dues will be assessed to the City of Marion in the amount of \$15,992.
- Section 4. That the City of Marion is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the City based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. 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 6. 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:	January 1, 2025
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee

FROM: Jessica Kuenzli
Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution EC-05-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to administer the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025”**

Franklin County accepted applications for continued funding of CDBG HUD-funded programs for 2022-2024. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) agreed to continue to serve as the administrator of the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board (HAB) as designated by the City and County since 1993. MORPC staff serves as the HAB secretary with responsibility to receive and review all applications and provide project information to the full board. MORPC also prepares an annual report, monitors projects annually for affordability requirements, and maintains an active role in the affordable housing community. Funding for the HAB will include \$10,000 from the County and \$10,500 in issuer fees.

Attachment: Resolution EC-05-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION EC-05-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to administer the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025”

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners administers the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement community authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; and

WHEREAS, MORPC was asked to administer the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board and has been awarded a contract to do so; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to the contract for the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board will be to administer all board activities including meetings, board appointments, project application review, monitoring of completed projects and other related activities; now therefore,

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the work described in the contract awarded for the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board in the amount up to \$20,500.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this committee.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Ben Kessler, Acting Chair
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Effective date: December 5, 2024
Submitted by: Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning
Prepared by: Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
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Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert Williams, Senior Director
Residential Services

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 22-24: **“Authorizing the executive to enter into agreements for July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for a home repair program”**

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has continued its work with the Franklin County Commissioners for CDBG funding for the Home Repair Program, as agreements are approved by the Franklin County Commissioners and the Economic Development and Planning Department (EDP).

MORPC anticipates funding from Franklin County to continue the administration of a home repair program for an amount up to \$1.9 million to complete urgent home repairs after additional funds are made available. This resolution authorizes MORPC to enter into agreements, including anticipated amendment(s) up to that amount. These units consist of urgent and emergency health-and-safety related home repairs, handicapped accessible modifications, home sewage disposal and/or private water system repairs, nuisance abatement, and major rehabilitation for homes in Franklin County outside the City of Columbus. Where possible, MORPC will leverage funds through its residential energy efficiency programs and from other agencies.

Attachment: Resolution 22-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 22-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements for July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for a home repair program”

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners administers the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement community authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has continued its work with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and was awarded a contract, and anticipates receiving an amendment for additional funding, to administer a Home Repair Program for home safety improvements, emergency repairs, home sewage disposal and/or private water system repairs, and major rehabilitation; and

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

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the work described in the contracts awarded for the Home Repair Program in the amount up to \$1.9 million.
- 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

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