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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 1, 2025
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Michelle Crandall, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of [April 3, 2025 minutes](#)
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, Executive Director
4. **Quarterly Financial Statements** – Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
5. **Committee Updates**

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

- **Bylaws Committee** – Haley Lupton, Chair
 - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
 - **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning
 - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer
6. **Proposed Resolution 06-25:** “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 & Development Officer
 7. **Proposed Resolution 07-25:** “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with Elevate regarding recently awarded Google Grid Innovation grant funding and enter into related subcontracts” – Robert Williams, Senior Director of Residential Services
 8. **Proposed Resolution 08-25:** “Authorizing support for Central Ohio’s defense installations and the exploration of strategic tools, including Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSAs), to strengthen regional partnerships and improve government efficiency” – Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
 9. **Proposed Resolution EC-02-25:** “Authorizing the executive director to contract with the selected vendor(s) for purchase and installation of hardware, software, and services for the MORPC server infrastructure” – Shawn Hufstедler, Chief Operating Officer
 10. **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
 11. **Draft Commission Agenda**
 12. **Other Business**
 13. **Executive Session – ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1)**
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Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 3, 2025
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Board Room

Members Attending in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong
Chris Amorose Groomes
Michelle Crandall

James Jewell
Ben Kessler
Kris Long

Haley Lupton
Joe Stefanov

Members Attending Remotely

Laurie Jadwin

Matt Starr

MORPC Staff Attending in Person

Parag Agrawal
Steve Armstrong
Matika Fields
Joe Garrity

Ralonda Hampton
Shawn Hufstedler
Jessica Kuenzli
Eileen Leuby

Kelsey Matson
William Murdock
Shari Saunders
Edwina Teye

Welcome – Michelle Crandall

Chair Michelle Crandall called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Chair Crandall noted the original agenda included an Executive Session. The session was removed because it is not needed.

Consent Agenda

Joe Stefanov 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 congratulated Ralonda Hampton for being named a YWCA Woman on the Rise. Former MORPC Team Member Katie White was also honored this year.

Mr. Murdock announced the local government summer internship program received 675 applications this year. This is triple the number of applications received in previous years, indicating a growing interest in public service among college students.

Mr. Murdock and Parag Agrawal attended the American Planning Association Conference in Denver. They gained valuable insights on various topics, including housing approaches at local, regional, and state levels; updates on federal programs; and federal lands and buildings management. Mr. Agrawal was on a panel that discussed state policies impacting transportation. He told how the Ohio Department of Transportation views transportation from an economic development perspective, focusing on moving people and growing Ohio's population. He also mentioned ongoing projects like the freight plans and the LinkUS initiative. MORPC Team Members Tunazzina Alam and Karina Peggau, along with former MORPC Team Member Jonathan Miller, conducted a housing matchmaking game that closely emulated the current landscape of the housing market in Central Ohio. About 200 people attended the 8:30 a.m. session on Sunday morning. Team Members are considering ways to make the game available to member communities.

The Regional Water Study is awaiting approval from the Ohio EPA, with a regional rollout event expected in late May or early June.

Mr. Murdock informed the committee about a surprise amendment to the transportation budget involving U.S. 23 through Delaware County. The amendment requires ODOT and the Turnpike to form a joint plan to look at connections from U.S. 23 to I-71 in Delaware County.

Mr. Murdock discussed how policy changes at the Ohio Department of Medicaid is requiring a shift in how Area Agencies on Aging conduct their business. This led to the City of Columbus moving the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) from a subunit of Columbus to an independent region. The COAAA serves eight counties in Central Ohio. The City asked for MORPC to provide staff support and technical assistance throughout the transition. The change is beneficial for the region, allowing for better service delivery and support for age-friendly initiatives.

Mr. Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler discussed the new state rules around virtual meetings. The new law goes into effect next week. The new rules change the Commission format from allowing board members to attend virtually but not vote, to a one-way streaming format where board members can watch the meeting but cannot participate or vote. The change is necessary to comply with the new state rules. Due to the size of the Commission meeting, this will most likely be the format moving forward for that meeting. We will keep track of who views the meeting via live stream. MORPC Team Members are working on a virtual meeting policy for other agency meetings.

Mr. Murdock provided updates on federal grants. Some grants, like the NOFO for Safe Streets for All, have started flowing again, providing opportunities for applications. Staff cuts at federal agencies are affecting response times. Some key contacts at these agencies are no longer employed, leading to delays or stoppages in communication and response.

Jessica Kuenzli is working with the Columbus Working Group on bringing together the Regional Housing Coalition. Next month, MORPC is hosting a pre-Commission luncheon on housing. Panelists include Fairfield County Commissioner Jeff Fix, Connect Housing Blocks Founder & CEO Brad DeHays, and a representative from the Ohio Board of Realtors.

Mr. Agrawal shared details about the recent Passenger Rail Committee meeting which included presentations from Amtrak on the Borealis line (Chicago to Minneapolis) and from the City of Fort Wayne on the Corridor ID program. Step 1 of the Corridor ID program was submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The study is expected to be completed by May. MORPC meets with the FRA every two weeks. A team from MORPC is traveling to the Dallas/Fort Worth region April 23-25 to see best practices on the Trinity Metro transit system. The purpose of the curiosity trips is to look at red states with blue regions and see how they get big things done. Joe Garrity shared that MORPC is asking the state legislature to provide support in the state operating budget for passenger rail.

Mr. Murdock provided an update on the LinkUS initiative, including MORPC's role in the Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) and ongoing conversations with the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (TID). Instead of doing 83 multi-jurisdictional TSI projects, perhaps the TID mechanism can be used to group projects together.

Mr. Murdock highlighted the success of the State of the Region in March, which had record sponsorship, member attendance, and featured two members of Congress on stage. Mr. Murdock thanked members for their support and complimented Joe Garrity and Ralonda Hampton's teams. Next year's State of the Region is March 20, 2026.

Bylaws Committee – Haley Lupton

Haley Lupton reported the Bylaws Committee met March 25 and reviewed committee changes including the addition of the Central Ohio Economic Development District Board. At the next meeting, the committee will look at administrative updates.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity

Joe Garrity reported the next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is May 20.

Mr. Garrity gave the legislative update highlighting:

- Continuing resolution – 17 regional projects need to resubmit
- Funding for projects awarded during transition
- Association of Defense Communities Conference – base realignment and closure (BRAC) and technology
- Central Ohio Defense Group
- Operating budget
- Transportation budget

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Jessica Kuenzli

- **Proposed Resolution 05-25: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) to become a Regional Engagement Partner for the Charging Smart program” – Jessica Kuenzli**

Jessica Kuenzli shared that MORPC is applying to lead a cohort of local governments through the Charging Smart Designation Program. If awarded, we will provide free technical assistance to help our members achieve the nationally recognized Charging Smart designation. This includes support to implement policies and best practices for efficient EV infrastructure expansion; cut deployment costs by addressing permitting, inspection, and interconnection barriers; and streamline processes and remove regulatory roadblocks. There are already 13 communities interested with room for up to 20. The program will last 10 months beginning in May.

Chris Amorose Groomes made a motion to approve Resolution 05-25, second by James Jewell; motion passed.

- **Proposed Resolution 04-25: “Authorizing the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) the ability to pursue designation as a 208 Areawide Planning Agency” – William Murdock and Edwina Teye**

William Murdock and Edwina Teye presented the [208 Process Review Committee Recommendation](#). Ohio EPA asked MORPC to consider becoming a designated Areawide Planning Agency for the region. In June 2024, MORPC convened an ad hoc committee to evaluate the request and requirements.

Areawide Planning Agencies are responsible for updating and maintaining the region's water quality management plans which incorporate the 208 plans for wastewater. The ad hoc committee reviewed and made recommendations on MORPC's proposed approach for managing modifications to Facility Planning Area boundaries and dispute resolution related to sewer service. In creating a policy, the committee reached out to the six designated Areawide Planning Agencies for sample policies and best practices. The six areawide planning agencies, shown on the map, are operated by regional councils of governments across the State of Ohio.

The Ohio EPA is responsible for the 64 counties outside of those planning areas. The last time Ohio EPA designated an Areawide Planning Agency was in the 1970's.

The committee recommends moving toward the next steps of Areawide designation. They proposed the designation for the five counties in green, where the most significant growth is expected. The counties in blue are proposed technical assistance areas where MORPC will continue to support our members and Ohio EPA in 208 planning and mapping. The motion includes sustainable funding considerations, recommended policies, and a proposed governance structure. The committee and MORPC Team also developed a policy document for handling Facility Planning Area modifications and disputes. The dispute resolution mechanism is created by MORPC, but the actual resolution board will be outside MORPC's jurisdiction.

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve Resolution 04-25, second by Chris Amorose Groomes; motion passed.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization – Parag Agrawal

Parag Agrawal reported the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) is the regional planning organization for the seven counties around the MORPC MPO area. The next CORPO meeting is May 7. The draft CORPO 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is out for public review through April 11. MORPC Team Members met with each county (subcommittee) between March 17 and 31.

Transportation Policy Committee – Parag Agrawal

Parag Agrawal noted Resolution 02-25 on today's agenda authorizes MORPC to work with the Ohio Department of Transportation on a draft Active Transportation Plan for the U.S. 23 corridor.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the MPO area is a four-year, \$4.2 billion program. Central Ohio communities are working together to invest in the quality of life for our residents. The public comment period is open through April 11. An online, interactive map is available to look at proposed projects. MORPC hosted an April 2 Open House for the CORPO and MPO TIPs.

At this month's Commission meeting, ODOT is giving a presentation on Access Ohio 2050, the long-term transportation plan for the State of Ohio.

The Safe Streets For All NOFO was released. MORPC is looking for safety projects in the region. The grant covers implementation and planning projects. The application deadline is June 26.

MORPC and Smart Columbus are hosting an Active Transportation Forum on June 4, 1-4 p.m., at Vitria on the Square featuring Kristin White from Google and former Federal Highway Administrator. Registration opens April 16.

Proposed Resolution 02-25: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with and receive funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) through the recently awarded Pedestrian/Bike Special Solicitation Grant Program" – Parag Agrawal

James Jewell made a motion to approve Resolution 02-25, second by LaGrieta Acheampong; motion passed.

Proposed Resoution 03-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the City of Coumbus regarding the coordination and development of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging’s new Regional Council of Governments and enter into related subcontracts” – Joe Garrity

MORPC has not taken any official action on this matter. This resolution provides a more formal role moving forward.

Chris Amorose Groomes made a motion to approve Resolution 03-24, second by Haley Lupton; motion passed.

Draft Commission Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft April 10, 2025 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Other Business

Haley Lupton volunteered to throw the first pitch at the June 18 MORPC Night at the Clippers game.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 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 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Financial Report – March 2025

Summary

As of March 31, 2025, the operating reserve (investment and cash accounts) was \$2,839,778. Expenses totaled \$3,964,466 or 13% of the year's total budgeted expenses of \$30,436,359. A net loss from all operations was recorded year-to-date as of March 31, 2025.

The actual fringe rate was unfavorable and indirect (overhead) rate was favorable through the first quarter.

Budget vs. Expenses

Expenses through the quarter ending March 31, 2025, totaled \$3,964,466 or 13% of the year's total budgeted expenses of \$30,436,359.

From a programmatic perspective (Expenses by Program Area), expenses differed from the budget for the following reasons:


- Under-spending with Transportation programs of \$601,665 can be primarily attributed to less spending than budgeted by \$650,345 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. These subgrant payments are highly variable, and vehicle purchases have in many cases been delayed due to market supply issues.
- Under-spending of \$83,331 within Infrastructure and Economic Development is partially attributed to a delay in the full execution of the contract for the 2025 Infrastructure Project,

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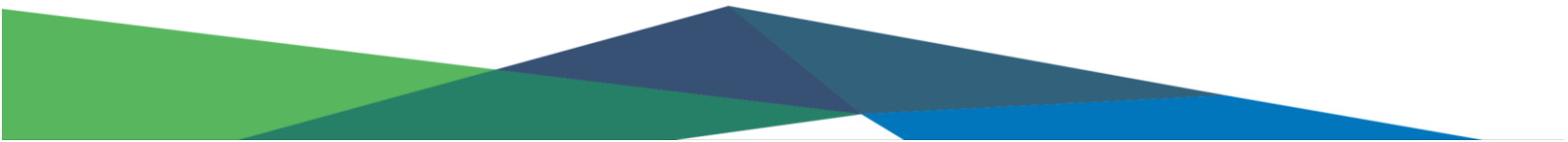
accounting for \$36,006. Additionally, some programs in this area experienced underspending of due to vacancies for portions of the quarter.

- Under-spending of \$1,529,400 in Planning and Sustainability is primarily due to an executive order pausing the use of federal funds, which delayed the launch of several key projects. This includes a \$476,303 delay related to the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC RAA) and an ongoing hold on the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant totaling \$857,446.
- Under-spending associated with Weatherization programs of \$591,514 can be attributed to the high level of funding budgeted for the multi-year Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) grant as well as a shortage of client availability for both State and Columbia Gas Warm Choice Weatherization Programs.
- Under-spending of \$95,102 in Housing Programs is primarily attributed to delays in project implementation. Specifically, \$66,292 in expenditures for the home repair program were postponed pending the completion of a funder direct revision to the environmental review process. Additionally, the Westerville Home Repair program continues to ramp up, resulting in \$24,303 underspending to date.
- Services to Member & Development is over-budgeted by (\$30,148) due to greater than anticipated spending from the Services to Members Program, primarily due to Proactive Legislative Activity and Member Service Coordination. This is expected to even out by year end, with the first quarter typically showing higher spending for legislative activity on an annual basis.

MORPC also budgeted for potential programs/projects that have not been funded at this time (and for which there have not been any expenses). Potential programs that come to fruition will show the actual costs in the appropriate category above.

Operating Cash/Reserve

MORPC's operating reserve consists of operating cash and investment accounts. As of March 31, 2025, the cash account held \$1,070,750 while the investment account had a balance of \$1,769,028. The investment account is held in STAROhio. Combining both accounts equated to \$2,839,778, or 34 days of budgeted expenses, which is less than the 60-day target threshold identified in the Operating Reserve Policy. The current operating budget may be adjusted to reflect changes in grant funding following the recent federal executive order, which resulted in certain grants being paused or discontinued. Budgeted expenses related to these grants may be adjusted to ensure they are aligned with available cash resources, supporting the 60-day cash reserve threshold.



Operating Income (Change in Net Position)

There was a decrease in net position (loss from operations) for the year-to-date through March 31, 2025. The decrease was (\$223,654). The decrease was primarily the result of revenue recognized in prior years with expenses occurring in the current year:

- An (\$209,490) 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 revenue recognized in prior years and expenses occurring in the current year.
- A (\$39,748) net loss year-to-date for depreciation related to leasehold improvements as expected.

The losses were partially offset by gains totaling \$25,584 in the following programs:

- Investment Income \$20,588
- Columbia Gas Program \$3,052
- Miscellaneous Local Programs \$1,944

Member Dues

Member dues revenue was \$465,580 for the year-to-date ending March 31, 2025. Use of member dues was over budget by (\$48,890). The 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	\$225,223	\$253,943	(\$28,720)
Local Matching Funds/Reserve	\$106,556	\$125,298	(\$18,742)
Development Fund	\$19,169	\$17,581	\$1,588
Building Lease	\$46,900	\$46,900	\$0
Other	\$18,842	\$21,858	(\$3,016)
Total	\$416,690	\$465,580	(\$48,890)

Members Dues are expected to come back within budget throughout the year, as some expenses were disproportionately high during the first quarter.



Fringe Benefit and Indirect (Overhead) Variances

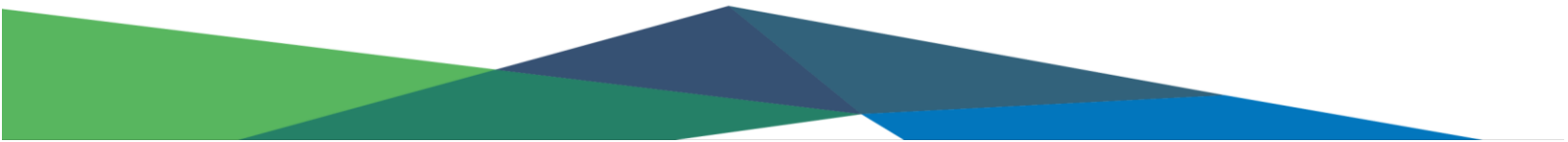
Fringe Benefits

The actual fringe benefit cost rate for the year-to-date is 61.26%, which is slightly more than the budgeted rate of 59%, creating an unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of \$25,855.

Indirect (Overhead)

The actual indirect cost variance for the year-to-date is 59.42%, which is less than the budgeted rate of 61% resulting in a favorable variance for the year-to-date of (\$13,327). The variance relates to a slightly low direct labor base yielding indirect revenue slightly lower than projected, with significant underspending in indirect areas throughout the year.

Statement of Net Position

- On March 31, 2025, operating cash on hand was \$1,070,750. The operating reserve investment account was \$1,769,028 and the management reserve was \$21,716.
 - The Central Ohio Greenways Fund is administered and held by the Columbus Foundation and had a balance of \$42,521.
 - Accounts Receivable as of March 31, 2025, totaled \$3,618,026, reflecting a slight increase from \$3,526,212 on March 31, 2024. We continue to actively engage with our funders to expedite the collection of the remaining balances.
 - Accounts Payable plus other current accrued liabilities totaled \$950,388 compared to \$1,477,065 as of March 31, 2024.
 - The GASB Statement 68 Pension and the GASB Statement 75 OPEB (other postemployment benefits, i.e. retiree healthcare) have a net liability of \$5,994,814 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 \$6 million greater, or a positive balance of \$4,460,420 as of March 31, 2025.
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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR-TO-DATE ENDING March 31,2025

	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Variance under / (over)
Revenues			
Transportation	\$ 1,732,419	\$ 1,013,024	\$ 719,395
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	\$ 284,851	\$ 115,576	\$ 169,275
Planning & Sustainability	\$ 2,401,684	\$ 872,284	\$ 1,529,400
Weatherization	\$ 1,348,168	\$ 760,256	\$ 587,912
Housing	\$ 708,348	\$ 613,247	\$ 95,102
Services to Members & Development	\$ 310,134	\$ 340,282	\$ (30,148)
Other	\$ 412,301	\$ 26,144	\$ 386,156
Potential Funding	\$ 411,185	\$ -	\$ 411,185
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 7,609,090	\$ 3,740,813	\$ 3,868,277
Expenses by Program Area			
Transportation	\$ 1,732,419	\$ 1,130,754	\$ 601,665
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	\$ 284,851	\$ 201,520	\$ 83,331
Planning & Sustainability	\$ 2,401,684	\$ 872,284	\$ 1,529,400
Weatherization	\$ 1,348,168	\$ 756,654	\$ 591,514
Housing	\$ 708,348	\$ 613,247	\$ 95,102
Services to Members & Development	\$ 310,134	\$ 340,282	\$ (30,148)
Other	\$ 412,301	\$ 49,726	\$ 362,575
Potential Funding	\$ 411,185	\$ -	\$ 411,185
Total Expenses by Program Area	\$ 7,609,090	\$ 3,964,466	\$ 3,644,624
Expenses by Account Category			
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 2,869,728	\$ 2,495,255	\$ 374,474
Materials and Supplies	\$ 45,777	\$ 9,164	\$ 36,613
Services, Charges, & Other	\$ 1,524,973	\$ 407,184	\$ 1,117,789
Subcontracted Services	\$ 2,868,418	\$ 808,290	\$ 2,060,128
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 300,194	\$ 244,574	\$ 55,620
Total Expenses by Account Category	\$ 7,609,090	\$ 3,964,467	\$ 3,644,623
Operations income (loss)	\$ -	\$ (223,654)	\$ 223,654
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ -	\$ (223,654)	\$ 223,654

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF March 31, 2025

	Balance at 03/31/2025 excludes impact of GASB 68 & 75	GASB 68 & 75 (Pension & OPEB) 03/31/2025	Balance at 03/31/2025 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Balance at 03/31/2024 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Yearly Difference
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash	1,070,750		1,070,750	2,031,367	(960,617)
Cash-Designated for Building Improvement	-		-	74	(74)
Cash-Operating Reserve	1,769,028		1,769,028	1,681,489	87,539
Cash-Management Reserve	21,716		21,716	17,329	4,388
Cash-Greenways Fund	42,521		42,521	37,182	5,339
Accounts Receivable	3,618,026		3,618,026	3,526,212	91,814
Prepaid Expenses	222,577		222,577	215,769	6,809
Total Current Assets	6,744,618		6,744,618	7,509,421	(764,803)
Non-Current Assets					-
Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,240,599		1,240,599	1,440,907	(200,309)
Intangible Asset Building/Equipment Lease/IT					
Subscriptions Net of Accumulated Amortization	4,323,853		4,323,853	5,011,585	(687,732)
Total Non-Current Assets	5,564,452		5,564,452	6,452,493	(888,041)
Deferred Outflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	4,031,694	4,031,694	4,635,594	(603,900)
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	4,031,694	4,031,694	4,635,594	(603,900)
Total Assets	12,309,070	4,031,694	16,340,764	18,597,508	(2,256,744)
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	222,981		222,981	793,186	(570,205)
Accrued Payroll and Fringe Benefits	727,406		727,406	683,879	43,527
Unearned Revenue	1,756,039		1,756,039	1,191,157	564,882
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	412,984		412,984	398,671	14,313
Accrued IT Subscriptions	-		-	107,289	(107,289)
FC Temporary Cash Advance	-		-	750,000	(750,000)
Total Current Liabilities	3,119,411		3,119,411	3,924,183	(804,771)
Non-Current					
Accrued PTO & Sick Leave	625,725		625,725	583,339	42,386
Other Mortgages-Deferred Income	-		-	-	-
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	4,103,514		4,103,514	4,652,080	(548,566)
Accrued SBITA	-		-	-	-
GASB 68 & 75	-	9,717,347	9,717,347	9,943,599	(226,252)
Total Non-Current	4,729,239	9,717,347	14,446,586	15,179,018	(732,432)
Deferred Inflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	309,161	309,161	4,921,120	4,538,857
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	309,161	309,161	352,136	(42,975)
Total Liabilities	7,848,650	10,026,508	17,875,158	19,455,337	(1,580,179)
Net Position					
Beginning Net Position	4,684,074	(5,994,814)	(1,310,740)	(418,688)	(892,052)
Current YTD Net Income	(223,654)		(223,654)	(439,141)	215,487
Total Net Position	4,460,420	(5,994,814)	(1,534,394)	(857,829)	(676,565)
Total Liabilities and Net Position	12,309,070	4,031,694	16,340,764	18,597,508	(2,256,743)



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director

DATE: April 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 06-25: **“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. 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 2025.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026, which begins on July 1, 2025, MORPC is requesting \$3,269,901 of new combined Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds, and \$408,738 of new ODOT matching funds. The MORPC local share for these grants is \$408,738. These are the “formula” funds supporting the base transportation planning.

Historically, MORPC has encouraged ridesharing and vanpools. In SFY 2025 MORPC will be using \$800,000 of MORPC Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the ridesharing program.

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. \$600,000 of CMAQ funding will be used for work element 66736-1000 for SFY 2026.


Other discretionary special projects include \$475,000 in MORPC STBG funds for Regional Supplemental Planning through work element 66566-3000 that will include eight activities:

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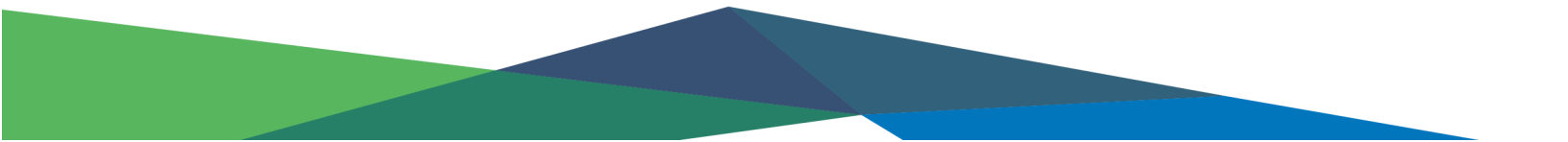
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1. Project Expedition – Work with project sponsors, their consultants and ODOT to develop realistic schedules of key progress points for each project. Aid in determining appropriate facilities for complying with MORPC's complete streets policy. Coordination with affected agencies and adjustment of the project processing schedules will take place as necessary.
 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 60516-2000 and 60526-2000 (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. Support for Passenger Rail Planning – Resources for staff working on activities to advance intercity travel modes.
 6. Resiliency Planning - 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.
 8. Leaders Listen Survey - Conduct recurring annual survey of residents of the MORPC 15-county region, asking about topics including transportation, housing, sustainability, and economic development. Analyze survey responses, publish a summary of the results and share the results with regional stakeholders.

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 2025, approximately \$105,629 remains and will be carried forward into SFY 2026. The SFY 2026 funds will be \$176,033 and are included in work element 67416-3000.

MORPC has utilized FTA Section 5310 funding to provide Mobility Management support throughout Central Ohio. This continued in SFY 2025. From SFY 2024 approximately \$140,000 remains and will be carried forward into SFY 2026. The SFY 2026 funds will be \$200,000 and are included in work element 67426-3000.





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 work element specifically refers to the regional work of the Regional Mobility Plan and its rewrite for 2026-2030. The SFY 2026 funds will be \$200,000 and are included in work element 67426-3000.

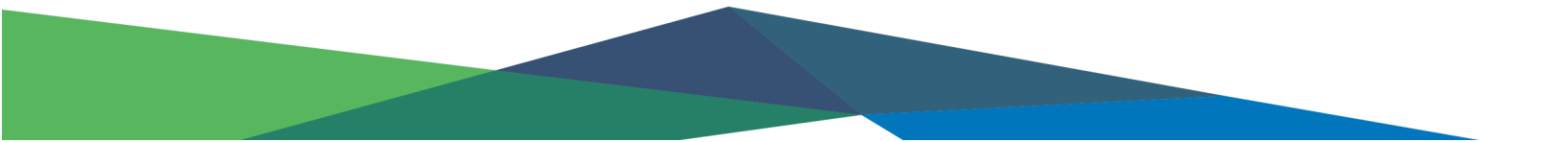
MORPC will continue the Technical Assistance Program to assist local governments focusing on active transportation planning as outlined in strategies in the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan through work element 66576-1000 in SFY 2026 using \$300,000 of STBG funds.


In 2023, MORPC applied to the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program for safety planning funds. In December 2023, MORPC received notification of the award, which was included in the SFY 25 PWP. In 2024, MORPC, in partnership with The Ohio State University, applied to SS4A and was awarded \$2,650,000 in funding for a separate activity of crash analytics and injury research. This additional funding amount was added to the budget of 66584-3000 to account for this funding award and work activity through resolution T-1-25. In total, \$3,940,000 is available for these activities.

In 2024, MORPC was awarded \$1,400,000 in funds from U.S. DOT's Prioritization Process Pilot Program. This activity will conduct a comprehensive review and revision of MORPC's project prioritization and selection process for inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The purpose is to create a publicly transparent project prioritization process which emphasizes safety and equity when selecting projects. This activity was added to the SFY 2025 PWP through resolution T-1-25 with approximately \$1,400,000 being carried forward into SFY 2026.

In 2025, MORPC applied for and was awarded funding through ODOT's Special Active Transportation Funding Solicitation. Of this funding, \$136,400 is being used to develop an active transportation plan for the U.S. 23 corridor to complement the concepts identified in the Route 23 Connect Preliminary Feasibility Study. This activity was added to the SFY 2025 PWP through Resolution T-7-25, with approximately \$86,400 being carried forward into SFY 2026. Also added through Resolution T-7-25, a Central Ohio Cycling Guide will be developed using \$325,000, with \$225,000 being carried forward into SFY 2026. This guide will serve as an update to the Regional Bikeways Plan, last updated in 2016.

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 funds totaling approximately \$13,235,439. A portion of which may be carried over into SFY 2027. The use of these funds is outlined in the SFY 2026 MORPC PWP that reflects comments from ODOT, FTA, and FHWA. Attached to Resolution 06-25 is a summary of the SFY 2026 MORPC PWP expected to be approved by the Transportation Policy Committee under Resolution T-9-25.





The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) has been created as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) and is staffed by MORPC. ODOT federal and state funds totaling \$179,103, plus \$19,900 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 09-25.

Resolution 06-25 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.

Attachment: Resolution 06-25



RESOLUTION 06-25

“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); 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 attachment; 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 IJJA 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. \$3,269,901 of new combined FHWA PL and FTA Section 5303 funding (plus \$408,738 of new MORPC and ODOT matching funds each).
 - b. \$179,103 in ODOT federal and state funds plus \$19,900 of new local matching funds to continue the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization.
 - c. \$800,000 of MORPC CMAQ funds to support MORPC vanpool and rideshare matching program.
 - d. \$600,000 in MORPC CMAQ funds for air quality awareness program.
 - e. \$475,000 in MORPC STBG funds for activities in Regional Supplemental Planning.
 - f. \$300,000 in MORPC STBG funds for the Technical Assistance Program.
 - g. \$281,622 in FTA Section 5310 funding for program administration.
 - h. \$272,000 in FTA Section 5310 (plus \$68,000 of new MORPC match) funding for the Mobility Manager functions.
- Section 9. That previously approved projects and activities, with remaining budgets totaling approximately \$6,397,029 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 2026 PWPs 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, 2025
Submitted by: Mary Schaper, Transportation Study Director
Prepared by: Mobility & Development Staff
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
Action Date: May 8, 2025

Attachment A: List of Activities to be Subcontracted

Attachment B: Summary of State Fiscal Year 2026 MORPC Planning Work Program

Attachment C: State Fiscal Year 2026 CORPO Planning Work Program Work Elements

Attachment A to Resolution 06-25

List of Activities to be Subcontracted:

1. Gohio Commute:
 - \$45,000 is budgeted for miscellaneous printing, marketing, and advertising to multiple vendors.
 - \$100,000 for vanpool subsidies to various vanpool providers.
 - \$10,000 for ride-matching software for MORPC's portion. Other MPOs are also participating in a shared services arrangement.
2. Air Quality Awareness:
 - \$20,000 is budgeted for air quality-related printing, travel, outreach, marketing, and advertising to multiple vendors.
 - \$90,000 is budgeted for ozone and particulate forecasting services.
3. Up to \$40,000 is subcontracted for traffic counting services.
4. Up to \$75,000 for consulting services for the Technical Assistance Program.
5. Continuation of Growth and Major Economic Development Planning consultant activities of up to \$500,000.
6. Safe Streets For All Safety Action Plan consultant and contracted activities of up to \$1,400,000.
7. Up to \$60,000 for consulting services for CORPO area safety studies.

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

Summary

FISCAL YEAR 2026 MORPC PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Notes on Listing: The total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2026) is \$13,963,060. The amount estimated to remain to be expended in 2026 or subsequent years is \$13,235,439.

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Activities

Total Budget: \$4,087,377

Work Elements

60126-3000 - Management & Operations Planning

Budget: \$262,500

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 the movement of 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

60136-3000 - Safety Planning

Budget: \$145,000

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, monitor and share best practices, participate in and report on state and local 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 Safety Analysis
- Member Assistance and Education
- Safety Committee Participation
- Special projects and studies

60156-3000 - 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:

- Public transit provider coordination
- Transit Service planning assistance
- Monitor agreements and funding in the region
- Workforce Mobility Assistance

60206-3000 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

Budget: \$365,000

The complete streets component of this work element is estimated to cost \$65,000 which exceeds the IIJA 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 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
- Update the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding and Solicit Applications for Funding

60516-2000 - Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data

Budget: \$520,000

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

60526-2000 - 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 insights, and support decision making
- Update the Transportation Plan Report Card
- Respond to and document requests

60556-3000 - Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications**Budget:** \$500,000

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, impact analyses, TIP and Transportation Plan air quality conformity, SIP revisions, and CMAQ justifications. Participation in other regional congestion management and air quality initiatives.

Products/Activities:

- Update travel demand model
- Up-to-date data sets for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development and air quality conformity
- Update Congestion Management Process (CMP) and other impact analyses procedures
- Determination of the emissions changes from proposed CMAQ projects
- Land Use Model maintenance
- Modeling assistance to ODOT staff in the certified design traffic development

61016-3000 - Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning**Budget:** \$415,000

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 Maintenance
- Active Transportation Planning
- Coordination with ODOT Planning Activities
- Intercity Transportation Service Planning
- Functional Class, National Highway System, and Thoroughfare Planning
- Long-Range System Studies

61026-0400 - Transportation Public Involvement**Budget:** \$165,000

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

61036-1000 - Regional Strategic Initiatives

Budget: \$425,000

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.

Products/Activities:

- Regional Growth Planning
- Planning for Housing
- Regional Trail Planning
- Central Ohio Greenways Vision Planning and Implementation
- River Corridor Development Planning

62516-1000 - Planning Coordination and Support

Budget: \$210,000

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

62526-1000 - Member Assistance and Support

Budget: \$277,500

This work element provides 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 Planning Coordination and Support, which is used 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
- Data-driven Communication

69716-3000 - Program Administration

Budget: \$152,377

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.

Products/Activities:

- CAC, TAC, TPC Support and Facilitation
- 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: \$8,475,683

\$727,621 was spent prior to SFY 2026. The balance for SFY 2026 or later is \$7,748,062.

Work Elements

66505-1000 - Regional Bicycling Guide (SFY 2026)

Budget: \$325,000
\$225,000 remaining

Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2025.

MORPC applied for and was awarded funding through ODOT's Special Active Transportation Funding Solicitation in Spring 2025. This funding will be used to develop a Central Ohio Cycling Guide, which will serve as an update to the Regional Bikeways Plan - last updated in 2016.

Products/Activities:

- Biking Level of Stress Map
- 15-County Trail Map
- Safety Assessment
- Trail Town Story Map
- Engagement

66506-3000 - US-23 Active Transportation Study (SFY 2026)

Budget: \$136,400
\$86,400 remaining

Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2025.

MORPC applied for and was awarded funding through ODOT's Special Active Transportation Funding Solicitation in Spring 2025. This funding will be used to develop an active transportation plan for the U.S. 23 corridor to complement the concepts identified in the Route 23 Connect Preliminary Feasibility Study.

Products/Activities:

- Plan Development
- Stakeholder & Public Engagement

66515-3000 - Prioritization Process Pilot Program (SFY 2026)

Budget: \$1,400,000

Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2025.

This activity will conduct a comprehensive review and revision of MORPC's project prioritization and selection process for inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The purpose of this activity is to create a publicly transparent project prioritization process which emphasizes safety and equity when selecting projects.

Products/Activities:

- Comprehensive Review of Current MTP Goals, Objectives, and Prioritization Process
- Revise Existing Evaluation Criteria to Best Reflect the Goals of the MTP
- Develop Improved Process for Public Involvement in Project Prioritization
- Develop Network Safety Analysis and Improved Safety Evaluation Tool
- Update MORPC Impact Analyses
- Develop Online Project Database

66534-3000 - Growth and Major Economic Development Planning (SFY 2026)

Budget: \$1,000,000
\$500,000 remaining

Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2025.

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, 2025, and 2026.

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

66566-3000 - Regional Supplemental Planning

Budget: \$475,000

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
- Leaders Listen Survey

66576-1000 - Technical Assistance Program

Budget: \$300,000

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
- Consultant Services

66584-3000 - Safe Streets For All Action Plan and Demonstration Activities (SFY 2026)

Budget: \$3,940,000 Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of 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.

In 2024, MORPC, in partnership with The Ohio State University, applied again to SS4A and was awarded funding for a separate initiative -- the Crash Analytics and Injury Research project. The activity is intended to uncover valuable insights into the causes, patterns, and contributing factors in fatal and serious injury crashes in Central Ohio.

Products/Activities:

- Safety Plan Update
- Non-Motorized Volume Data Program
- Complete Streets Safety Audit Program
- Pedestrian Safety Demonstration Projects
- Crash Analytics and Injury Research

67415-3000 - 5310 Designated Recipient 2025 (SFY 2026)

Budget: \$173,250 Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2025.
\$105,629 remaining

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:

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

67416-3000 - 5310 Designated Recipient 2026

Budget: \$176,033

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:

- Update, Maintain, and Implement 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 (SFY 2026)**Budget:** \$150,000

\$140,000 remaining

Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2025.

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

67426-3000 - Mobility Management 2026**Budget:** \$200,000

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 for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area.

Products/Activities:

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

67436-3000 - Regional Mobility Plan 2026**Budget:** \$200,000

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 and the activities necessary for the rewrite.

Products/Activities:

- Rewrite the Regional Mobility Plan
- Increase Awareness
- Increase Capacity and Support Implementation of RMP

III. Ridesharing and Air Quality

Total Budget: \$1,400,000

Work Elements

66716-3000 - Transportation Services (Ridesharing)

Budget: \$800,000 100% 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 multimodal travel throughout Central Ohio with 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, TDM Strategic plan, and TDM Hub
- Promote TDM services to reduce SOV travel and associated air pollution in communities near high-volume corridors as well as in underserved communities

66736-1000 - Air Quality Awareness

Budget: \$600,000 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 that reduce air pollution
- 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. There is no budget for this work element.

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. There is no budget for this work element.

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) maintenance and coordination
- Service change planning
- COTA safety and asset management plans
- Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant
- FY 2023 TOD Pilot Program

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. There is no budget for this work element.

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
- Workforce Transportation Study

CORPO SFY 2026 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM WORK ELEMENTS

601 - Short Range Planning

No. 60196-3000

PID: 122452

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 funding applications: Encourage members to address safety concerns through engineering and enforcement measures. Assist members with their applications for safety funding.	<i>CORPO, ODOT, Local Governments/Others</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
Safety planning: Conduct and support local special studies and projects related to transportation safety such as intersection modifications as requested by members or ODOT. Specific tasks will reflect the transportation planning needs of CORPO and its members.	<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	FHWA	ODOT	MORPC
\$86,200	\$68,960	\$8,620	\$8,620

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation**PID: 118375**

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 amendments to 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 our 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	FHWA	ODOT	MORPC
\$57,400	\$45,920	\$5,740	\$5,740

Data and Analysis

PID: 118375

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.	CORPO	As Needed
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.	CORPO/MORPC	As Needed
Respond to and document requests: Answer questions from government, residents, academia and businesses for transportation and demographic data.	CORPO/MORPC	As Needed

Budget

Total Work Element	FHWA	ODOT	MORPC
\$44,300	\$35,440	\$4,430	\$4,430

Long Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

PID: 118375

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 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.

Product: Method	Agencies	Schedule
The 2023-2050 Long- Range Transportation Plan: Monitor and amend as needed.	CORPO	As Needed
Functional classification and National Highway System review.	CORPO/Local Governments/ODOT	August 2025
Coordinate with ODOT planning activities: Coordinate with special studies and projects that are in the early stages of development. Coordinate with ODOT on implementing strategies in State Transportation and Development Analysis, Route 23 Connect, A050, Walk.Bike.Ohio and Transport Ohio within CORPO.	CORPO/MORPC	As Needed
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.	CORPO/Local Governments	Ongoing

Budget

Total Work Element	FHWA	ODOT	MORPC
\$73,103	\$58,482	\$7,310	\$7,310



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert Williams
Senior Director of Residential Services

DATE: April 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 07-25: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with Elevate regarding recently awarded Google Grid Innovation grant funding and enter into related subcontracts.”**

In March, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) applied for \$300,000 via the Columbus Region Green Fund's Google Grid Innovation Grant Program. Three different entities are involved: Google is providing the funding; the Columbus Region Green Fund is project coordinator; and Elevate is the project manager.

In April, MORPC was notified that their application was selected for funding, but at an award amount of \$200,000. This funding will enable the creation of the Central Ohio's Safe and Energy Efficient (COSEE) Homes program. COSEE Homes will expand MORPC's existing home weatherization assistance (HWAP) program from serving households at or below 200% federal poverty level to serving households at or below 80% area median income (AMI). This has been a previously identified need and we believe that this expansion will lead to even more impactful programming.

This project will be accomplished via MORPC staff and subcontracted organizations, under the oversight of MORPC staff. It is anticipated that the program period will be twelve months.

Attachment: Resolution 07-25

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
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Ben Kessler
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RESOLUTION 07-25

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with Elevate regarding recently awarded Google Grid Innovation grant funding and enter into related subcontracts”

WHEREAS, MORPC applied for funding via the Columbus Region Green Fund (CRGF) for the Google Innovation Grant program; and

WHEREAS, Google is providing the funding, CRGF is the project coordinator, and Elevate is the project manager; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will contract with Elevate for the Google Grid Innovation program to enable the Central Ohio Safe and Energy Efficient Homes program to expand MORPC’s existing home weatherization assistance program from serving households at or below 200% federal poverty level to serving households at or below 80% area median income; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to this contract will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and subcontracted organizations; 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 Elevate for up to twelve months to utilize Google Grid Innovation grant funds totaling \$200,000 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: May 8, 2025
Submitted by: Robert Williams, Senior Director of Residential Services
Prepared by: Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: May 8, 2025



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Joseph Garrity, Sr. Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations

DATE: April 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 08-25: **“Authorizing support for Central Ohio’s defense installations and the exploration of strategic tools, including Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSAs), to strengthen regional partnerships and improve government efficiency”**

This resolution authorizes MORPC to work on behalf of its diverse membership to strengthen Central Ohio’s defense installations, including the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) and the 121st Air Refueling Wing at Rickenbacker.

These installations are critical to both national defense and the economic strength of our region. Together, they support thousands of local jobs—employing uniformed personnel, federal workers, contractors, and civilians—while contributing significantly to Central Ohio’s economy.

MORPC’s 90 local government members are committed to helping protect and enhance these key assets. A major opportunity lies in the use of cost-effective tools such as an Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA), which allows military installations to partner with local governments for the delivery of shared services. These agreements reduce duplication, streamline operations, and produce long-term taxpayer savings—while ensuring mission-critical needs are met efficiently.

Government efficiency and responsible resource use are priorities shared by MORPC and its members. Supporting IGSAs not only strengthens relationships with our military partners but also aligns with our commitment to practical, results-driven solutions that benefit both the public and defense sectors.

Since its formation during a past Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, the Central Ohio Defense Group has helped secure major federal investments for regional facilities. These successes have proven the value of strategic collaboration and forward planning.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Approval of this resolution will reinforce MORPC's leadership in supporting national defense, protecting regional jobs, and promoting smart, cost-saving solutions that enhance public sector performance.

Attachment: Resolution 08-25

RESOLUTION 08-25

“Authorizing support for Central Ohio’s defense installations and the exploration of strategic tools, including Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSAs), to strengthen regional partnerships and improve government efficiency”

WHEREAS, Central Ohio is home to vital defense installations including the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) and the 121st Air Refueling Wing at Rickenbacker; and

WHEREAS, these installations support thousands of local jobs and contribute significantly to the region’s economy, stability, and connection to national defense; and

WHEREAS, MORPC and its 90 local government members are committed to protecting and enhancing these defense assets through cost-effective, coordinated regional support; and

WHEREAS, tools such as Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSAs) between military installations and local governments offer opportunities to improve service delivery, reduce duplication, and generate taxpayer savings; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to work with regional, state, and federal partners to support Central Ohio’s defense installations and explore the use of Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSAs) or similar tools to improve coordination and reduce operational costs.
- 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: May 8, 2025
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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee

FROM: Shawn Hufstedler
Chief Operating Officer

DATE: April 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution EC-02-25: **“Authorizing the executive director to contract with the selected vendor(s) for purchase and installation of hardware, software, and services for the MORPC server infrastructure”**

This resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into contract with one or more hardware and software vendors to purchase and install hardware and software needed related to the 2025 Server Upgrade project.

MORPC will work with DELL to develop plans for the server installation and migration as part of the upgrade project. With the increased cost of our existing server environment, this is the best time to upgrade MORPC servers.

The total for the hardware, software, and services is not expected to exceed \$100,000.

Attachment: Resolution EC-02-25

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
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Michelle Crandall
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Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION EC-02-25

“Authorizing the executive director to contract with the selected vendor(s) for purchase and installation of hardware, software, and services for the MORPC server infrastructure”

WHEREAS, MORPC contracting with DELL, a hardware and software firm, to develop plans for the MORPC Server Upgrade project; and

WHEREAS, with the outdated server versions, cost of servers, and support increasing, the MORPC team is moving forward with the purchase and installation of new servers and software; and

WHEREAS, suitable vendor(s) will be selected under MORPC’s procurement policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 budget covers the funds for the Server Upgrade project; 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 agreement(s) for the purchase and installation of new server hardware and software for the MORPC server upgrade for up to \$100,000.
- Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to approve one or more extensions of time not to exceed 180 days in the aggregate for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and contract changes not to exceed 20 percent of the total agreement price without further authorization from this committee.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Michelle Crandall, Chair
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Effective date: May 1, 2025
Submitted by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
Prepared by: Matika Fields, Strategic Director of Information Technology
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