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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

TOWN HALL

<u>Thursday, May 8, 2025</u> <u>1:30 p.m.</u>

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AGENDA - UPDATED

1:30 p.m. **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

- **2. Welcome and Introductions** Michelle Crandall (City of Hilliard), MORPC Acting Chair
 - Recognition of Guests and New Members Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
- Executive Director's Report William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - 2025 Strongest Town Champion: Marion, Ohio Bill Collins, City of Marion Mayor

 Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Committees

- **4.** Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) Michelle Crandall (City of Hilliard), MORPC Acting Chair
 - **a.** Call to Order Michelle Crandall (City of Hilliard), MORPC Acting Chair
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization Report Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Development Officer
 - c. Proposed Resolution T-6-25: "Adoption of the SFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)" – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Development Officer and Thomas Graham, MORPC Principal Planner
 - d. Proposed Resolution T-8-25: "Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2026 Planning Work Program" – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Development Officer and Thomas Graham, MORPC Principal Planner
 - e. Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda
 - 1) Approval of April 10, 2025 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 2) Proposed Resolution T-7-25: "Amending the SFY 2025 Planning Work Program (PWP)"
 - 3) Proposed Resolution T-9-25: "Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process"
 - **f.** Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) Michelle Crandall (City of Hilliard), MORPC Acting Chair
- 5. Bylaws Committee Haley Lupton (Village of Plain City), Bylaws Committee Chair
- **6.** Regional Policy Roundtable Lourdes Barroso de Padilla (City of Columbus), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - Tools Supporting Defense Installations Colonel Andrew P. Powers, Commander, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Ohio National Guard

- 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, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
- Legislative Update Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
- Sustainability Advisory Committee Ben Kessler (City of Bexley),
 Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
- 8. Commission Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of April 10, 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes
 - b. 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"
 - c. 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"
 - **d.** Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee
- 9. Other Business

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

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MORPC Monthly Agency Report April 2025

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CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

Peer-to-Peer Exchange

Staff from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) visited MORPC for a peer-to-peer exchange April 10-11.

208 Planning and Areawide Designation Process

In April, the Commission passed a resolution for MORPC to pursue designation as a 208 Areawide Planning Agency. MORPC will continue to work with Ohio EPA on next steps, including securing sustainable funding and the public notice process.

Regional Water Study

The Regional Water Study <u>website</u> includes the full 15-county study findings and an interactive dashboard. MORPC and the Ohio EPA are hosting a workshop for local governments in May.

Active Transportation Planning

Active Transportation Planning activities included sponsoring and leading sessions at the Ohio Active Transportation Conference, holding the April 23 MORPC Active Transportation Committee meeting, completing reviews for MORPC-funded projects, participating in various meetings and events, and planning for the 2025 APBP Virtual Summit.

Transportation Safety

Team Members participated in multiple safety committee meetings and events and collaborated with the City of Columbus and OSU Injury Biomechanics Research Center to host a workshop on Equity in Traffic Safety at the Safe Mobility Conference.

Gohio Commute

Team Members completed beta testing of a new rideshare app, set to launch in May, and planned a marketing campaign. MORPC is hosting a bike to work competition in May. Team Members assisted local governments with Return-to-Work transportation options, resulting in new vanpools.

Technical Assistance Program

MORPC continued working with the City of Grove City, the City of Gahanna, the City of Hilliard, and the Village of Galena on the Technical Assistance Program holding virtual and community stakeholder workshops and conducting an asset inventory and wayfinding audit.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

Central Ohio Greenways submitted a proposal for the BLOOM (Building Landscapes of Opportunity & Mitigation) project to advance the Green Infrastructure Toolkit.

COG is developing a Central Ohio Cycling Guide. This summer, Team Members will collect video image data to support an Al safety analysis.

COG launched the updated Outdoor Trails Pass in partnership with Experience Columbus on Earth Day. MORPC hosted a Celebrate Trails Day event in partnership with Green Columbus at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park on April 27.

Regional Housing Strategy

Team Members continue conversations with member communities and promoting the identification of housing barriers and solutions.

If you are interested in a housing/growth workshop for your community's elected officials, staff, or community leaders, MORPC is accepting requests for presentations and workshops. Our Team will work with you to design the agenda, including recommended speakers and learning objectives. Contact Jessica Kuenzli for more information (jkuenzli@morpc.org).

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is June 18 at the Del-Co Water Company.

The Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) Subcommittee provided input on proposed strategies and planned to roll out a draft document and survey. MORPC hosted an online information session on April 23.

Sustainable2050

Sustainable 2050 welcomed Plain Township as a new member and planned a member forum for May 22. Sustainable 2050 membership is open to all MORPC members. Those interested in joining and current Sustainable 2050 members interested in earning tier status certification should contact Brandi Whetstone (bwhetstone @morpc.org).

Regional Water Advisory Council

The Regional Water Advisory Council held its first meeting to discuss vision and priorities. The Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team discussed its scope of work and priorities, seeking recommendations for active recruitment.

Energy & Air Quality

The next Energy and Air Quality Working Group meeting is May 28. If interested in attending or being a featured speaker, contact Brian Filiatraut (bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

Energy Planning

MORPC is developing a four-part forum series of panel discussions and workshops: "Securing Our Energy Future: Navigating Today's Energy Landscape to Better Plan, Shape, and Lead a Resilient Tomorrow." The first forum is May 15, 12:30-2:30 p.m. featuring William Murdock, Kenny McDonald, and Alex Denney. Register here. For more information, contact Brian Filiatraut (here. Energy Landscape to Better Plan, Shape, and Lead a Resilient Tomorrow." The first forum is May 15, 12:30-2:30 p.m. featuring William Murdock, Kenny McDonald, and Alex Denney. Register here. For more information, contact Brian Filiatraut (here. For more information, contact Brian Filiatraut (here.

MORPC hosted the "Air Quality in Central Ohio: From Background to Action" webinar on April 29.

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project/U.S. EPA Project

The Project Team continues to focus on education and outreach.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) reviewed progress from working groups and planned the public release of the MORPC Insights platform for May 8. Various working and user groups continued their activities, including developing educational content and planning for future events.

Data & Research Activities

Team Members collected feedback on the MORPC Insights platform and pursued continuous improvement efforts.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

Passenger Rail

Representatives from Central Ohio visited Texas to learn about transit and rail investments.

The Corridor ID Program's Step 1 deliverables are under review by the Federal Railroad Administration. Team Members expect the study to advance to advance to Step 2, creating the service development plan, this summer and last into 2028.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Team Members began exploring platforms and data for the 2025 MTP Report Card.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Staff ensured that the final TIP document and projects were aligned with MTP goals. The public comment period for the SFY 2026-2029 TIP ended April 11. No changes were made.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) approved a final list of awards.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

The comment period on the SFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) concluded April 11 with no changes made. The Fund Selection Committee met April 30. The next CORPO meeting is May 5.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)/Economic Development District

Team Members presented proposed bylaws for the Economic Development District governing board to MORPC's Bylaws Committee.

Freight Planning

MORPC focused on building relationships with businesses in the Rickenbacker Area and scheduled a second workshop for the end of May.

Federal Competitive Programs

The 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program was released March 28. MORPC is investigating being a lead applicant for a Planning and Demonstration project in the CORPO area. The application deadline is June 26.

MORPC applied to U.S. EPA's Community Wide Assessment grant program for brownfield redevelopment at the end of 2024. Award announcements are expected in May.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

The CAP program is in the final stages of a relaunch this summer.

LinkUS

MORPC supported COTA and local sponsors in formalizing funding agreements for 2026 transit-supportive infrastructure.

Mobility Management

Team Members made improvements to the Gohio Mobility platform in collaboration with vendor RideAmigos. Staff shared survey results with the Region 6 Mobility Manager.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

Groveport's Senior Center received delivery of an accessible vehicle purchased with FTA Section 5310 funding. Team Members are processing ongoing awards for FY 23 and FY24.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

Team Members developed a survey to guide the revision of Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds.

Ohio Public Works Commission

The Public Works Integrating Committee for District 3 (Franklin County) discussed revisions to district methodology for the SFY 27 funding round.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

The District 3 (Franklin County) Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) has approximately \$4.5 million available in Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program funds for FY 2026. Preliminary screeners are encouraged and are due June 2.

District 3 is seeking nominations from the planning, business and realtor category to fill a vacancy on the NRAC.

District 17 (Delaware, Fairfield, Knox, Licking, Morrow & Pickaway Counties) has approximately \$2.5 million available in the FY 2026 cycle. Final applications are due September 19.

For more information about Clean Ohio funding, contact Edwina Teye at eteye@morpc.org or visit our website.

Money Mondays

MORPC hosted the following Money Monday sessions:

- March 31 Community Shelter Board
- April 7 Community Waste Reduction Grant
- April 14 America Ohio 250 Celebration
- April 21 State Operating and Transportation Budgets
- April 28 Public Finance Investment Banking

Upcoming sessions:

- May 5 Data to Support New Federal Priorities
- May 12 Clean Ohio Fund
- May 19 Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

PAY IT FORWARD

Membership Services

Team Members completed eight member visits and attended six member events.

Public Involvement & Engagement

MORPC promoted the following through social media and our website: Air Quality; eSource; Trail Pass; Gohio Commute; Housing; Careers; Residential Services; RFPs/RFQs; Water Quality; State of the Region; Member Monday; Earth Month; Passover; Easter; Healthy Homes; TIP & CORPO Open House; Community Housing Resource Fair; Transportation Innovation Forum; Regional Sustainability Agenda Info Session; Air Quality Webinar; Securing Your Energy Future; STEPZ Workshop; NRAC; Solar United Neighbors; and MORPC News.

MORPC hosted its first-ever housing fair on April 12. Hundreds of individuals attended and were able to connect with local housing experts on vital resources such as affordable housing, rental & utility assistance, homeowner education programs and more.

Events

Upcoming events:

- May 8 Pre-Commission Luncheon on Housing
- May 21 Rural Forum Series: Dynamic Community Engagement

MORPC in the News

Links to press releases and news article for the month are available at News - MORPC.org.

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

STEPZ Workshop

Team Members are organizing the second STEPZ workshop; *STEPZ: Planning Staff* for May 20. STEPZ connects Central Ohio's planning community with the skills and insights needed to lead through change and shape the region's future. Learn more and register here. If you have any questions about the event and how it can assist your community's planning staff, contact Tunazzina Alam (talam@morpc.org).

Community-Based Planning Assistance

The Community-Based Planning Assistance Program (CBPA) continues to be a resource for members, and we are always looking for ways to improve to better serve your needs. Members can learn more and request assistance from the program by visiting https://www.morpc.org/community-based-planning-assistance or contacting Jessica Kuenzli at jkuenzli@morpc.org.

Planner Pool Program

Members are invited to submit applications for assistance through the Planner Pool Program. If you are interested in additional staffing support related to planning, zoning, and/or sustainability, please contact Jessica Kuenzli to schedule a time to discuss your community's needs and ways that MORPC may be able to help.

MORPC is assembling a list of fixed-fee services that relate to the most common issues communities in Central Ohio are experiencing. Suggestions on potential services are greatly appreciated and can be directed to Jessica Kuenzli at ikuenzli@morpc.org.

Consultant Services Program

The Consultant Services Program assists communities with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process through the drafting of RFP documents, prequalifying consultants in the eligible program areas, reviewing initial proposals and facilitating final presentations.

Each year, the Consultant Services Program prequalifies Consultants to submit proposals for – and complete work on – long-range planning projects initiated by communities in Central Ohio. Eligible project types include the completion of – or updates to – comprehensive planning and zoning codes, economic development activities, public engagement, neighborhood or area plans, housing action plans, active transportation plans, and parking plans or assessments.

Team Members reviewed and identified pre-qualified entities for 2025. New eligible services include cost estimating and feasibility studies; additional information, including the list of consultants, can be found at: https://www.morpc.org/consultant-services-program/.

If you have an RFP you would like advertised through the Consultant Services Program or need assistance with writing an RFP, please contact consultantservices@morpc.org for additional information.

Human Resources Updates

MORPC is rolling out BambooHR, a cloud-based Human Resources software designed primarily for small to medium-sized businesses. It helps organizations manage essential HR functions in a more streamlined, organized, and automated way. Some of the core features of BambooHR include: (i) an employee database; (ii) an applicant tracking system; (iii) onboarding tools; and (iv) performance management. Among many benefits, this new software saves time by automating repetitive HR tasks and it improves accuracy by centralizing all HR data in one secure system.

Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:

- Residential Services Intake Temp Rakim Patterson began March 25
- Fractional HR Director Tanya Nardone began April 1

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Public Information Officer
- Energy Auditor
- Human Resources Director
- Planning & Sustainability Principal Planner
- Summer Intern Positions

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

RFP/RFQ Postings

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

- Federal Funding & Strategic Opportunities Consulting (closed April 30)
- HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Programs
- Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Programs

Full RFP/RFQs are available at http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqs/.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Officers and Board Members
Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Director

DATE: April 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-6-25: "Adoption of the SFY 2026-2029 Transportation

Improvement Program (TIP)""

As was presented during previous meetings, the TIP is a four-year program of projects and strategies that state and local governments have selected from MORPC's long-range transportation plan as priorities for Central Ohio's transportation system. It contains a listing of all regionally significant projects and projects that will require the authorization of funds by FHWA or FTA. For each project, the list describes the scope of the project, and the amount and type of funds committed to each phase of the project by state fiscal year (SFY). The TIP may be updated through formal amendments or administrative modifications.

MORPC's TIP is a component of the Statewide TIP (STIP). MORPC adopts an updated TIP every two years. Coordination with the MPO member governments and transit agencies began in January with an announcement of the beginning of the update process. In March, MORPC announced the availability of the final draft TIP and held a public open house for the TIP on April 2nd. The Transportation Policy Committee was regularly updated about the process through monthly reports and a presentation of the draft TIP.

From March 11th to April 11th, MORPC conducted a public involvement process for the Final Draft SFY 2024-2027 TIP, which included the open house on April 2nd. Staff received several comments during the open house which were answered. Comments were also received via email and an online interactive web map. Comments on specific projects were passed along to specific project sponsors. None of the comments significantly changed the final draft TIP.

The final SFY 2026-2029 TIP is due to ODOT on May 1st and will be available at www.morpc.org/tip. To remain coordinated with the statewide process and MORPC's meeting schedules, the Transportation Policy Committee is being asked to adopt the TIP after the final TIP is required to be submitted to ODOT. If the Transportation Policy Committee modifies the TIP or fails to adopt it, this will be coordinated with ODOT. ODOT is aware of this situation.

Attachments:

• Proposed Resolution T-6-25

RESOLUTION T-6-25

"Adoption of the SFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amending and Reaffirmation of the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan"

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials for Franklin and Delaware counties, the cities of New Albany and Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, and Violet and Bloom townships in Fairfield County, and Jerome Township in Union County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 5303, 5305, and 5306, MORPC, as the MPO, has caused the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan dated May 2024 to be prepared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 5304, MORPC, as the MPO, has prepared a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2029 dated May 1, 2025, and available at www.morpc.org/tip; and

WHEREAS, all projects in the TIP are included in the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) although there are projects in the TIP that are advancing ahead of the time frame shown in the MTP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 134 and 42 USC 7506, the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan has been reanalyzed based on accepted methodology and has been determined to be in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and said fact is documented in the TIP Appendix 1: *Air Quality Conformity Determination* dated May 1, 2025, and the SFY 2026-2029 TIP projects are consistent with this conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Title VI regulations, solicitation of citizens' comments on the TIP was made by following MORPC's adopted Public Involvement Process including review by the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), advertisements in the area newspapers, sunshine mailings and an open house meeting; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Federal Transit Administration's guidelines on private sector participation, private transportation operators in the region have been involved in the planning process through representation on the Transportation Advisory Committee, the CAC and/or the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 134, the financial plan for the TIP demonstrates that it can be implemented and that it is consistent with funding reasonably expected to be available; and

WHEREAS, the TIP does not become effective until approval is received from the federal and state authorities: and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 28, 2025 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 30, 2025 recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE **MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**:

- Section 1. That it adopts the Transportation Improvement Program for State Fiscal Years 2026 through 2029 dated May 1, 2025, as provided on the MORPC website at www.morpc.org/tip and recommends that its members incorporate these improvements into their transportation improvement programming for their governmental units.
- Section 2. That it amends the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to adjust the time frame of certain projects already included the MTP to match the schedule shown in the TIP and it affirms the consistency between the State Fiscal Years 2026 through 2029 TIP and the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) as documented in TIP Appendix 1.
- Section 3. That it authorizes the Transportation Director to approve administrative modifications to the TIP as provided in Appendix C of the document.
- Section 4. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the TIP document as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio and U.S. Departments of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the document.
- Section 5. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Michelle Crandall, Actin	ng Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL	PLANNING COMMISSION
Date	

Prepared by: Programming Department Staff



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee

Transportation Advisory Committee Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director

DATE: April 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-8-25: "Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2026

Planning Work Program"

Annually, MORPC submits a Planning Work Program (PWP) that outlines the work of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming state fiscal year (SFY). The PWP outlines MORPC's annual scope of work with ODOT using federal planning dollars. The total SFY 2026 budget of all work elements is \$13,235,439 to be spent in SFY 2026 or later. The work elements of the PWP as shown in the summary attached to the resolution is divided into four sections:

- 1) Formula-Funded Planning Program Projects (total budget of \$4,087,377 for SFY 2026)
 This includes work elements related to the core federally required planning activities. These touch on all areas including Management & Operations, Transit & Human Services Planning, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Public Involvement, Regional Strategic Initiatives, member assistance, as well as work related to data, mapping, and modeling.
- 2) Special Studies (total budget \$7,748,062 for SFY 2026 or later)
 These are special studies completed with funding outside of the core planning funds. These include work elements related to Growth and Major Economic Development Planning, Technical Assistance Program, Safe Streets for All Action Plan and Demonstration Activities, Regional Bicycling Guide, US-23 Active Transportation Study, Prioritization Process Pilot Program, Mobility Management, and 5310 designated recipients for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities programs.
- 3) Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects (total budget is \$1,400,000 for SFY 2026)
 This includes transportation services related to Ridesharing (Gohio Commute) and Air Quality Awareness activities.

4) <u>Projects Undertaken by Other Entities</u>
This area is provided to report on local and transit transportation planning activities throughout the region. No specific federal funding through MORPC is provided for these activities.

Resolution T-8-25 accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for SFY 2026 as a document to receive federal and state planning funds.

Attachment: Resolution T-8-25

RESOLUTION T-8-25

"Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2026 Planning Work Program"

WHEREAS, surface transportation systems serve economic activities and provide the necessary and highly valued opportunity for people to travel freely wherever and whenever they choose; and

WHEREAS, travel in Central Ohio involves frequent crossings of municipal, township, and county boundaries on facilities that are under the control of various local jurisdictions, special-purpose agencies, and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, transportation systems that function best and are most cost-effective include regular cooperative and coordinated planning and decision-making across geographic and administrative boundaries; and

WHREAS, the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan includes facilitating multi-jurisdictional dialogue as a strategy to provide for collaboration in order to maintain and improve the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to encourage, facilitate and provide a forum for this cooperation so as to help spend regional transportation funds most effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Work Program (PWP) is the document that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Ohio Department of Transportation have reviewed the MORPC Fiscal Year 2026 PWP (summary attached); and

WHEREAS, approval of this work program by the Transportation Policy Committee is necessary for MORPC to receive federal and state grants to accomplish the scope of work within it; and

WHEREAS, basic requirements for the PWP are included in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 450.308; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 28, 2025, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 30, 2025, recommended acceptance of this work program by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE **MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**:

Section 1. That it hereby accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2026 in order for MORPC to receive federal and state planning funds.

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- Section 2. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the activity.
- Section 3. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element budgets as needed to reflect final carryover budgets from FY 2025 into FY 2026, including modest shifting among work element budgets.
- Section 4. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of this program by the Transportation Policy Committee.
- Section 5. 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, Acting Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment: Summary of FY 2026 PWP

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.

- 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.

- · 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 Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end

\$225,000 remaining 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 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.

- 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.

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 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.

- 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 highvolume 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.

- 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.

- · 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



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2025 Time: 2:37 p.m.

Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present

LaGrieta Acheampong **Brad Ebersole** Mike Schadek Chris Amorose Groomes David Efland Elissa Schneider Lee Bodnar Adam Fowler Kelly Scocco Ron Bullard James Jewell Joe Steager Ben Kessler Robvn Stewart Gary Burkholder Ben Collins Bill LaFayette Trenton Weaver

Michelle Crandall Steve Mazer Tracie Davies Eric Meyer

Transportation Policy Committee Members Viewing Live Stream

Jeff Benton Pam Hykes O'Grady Chloe Siens-Núñez Paul Brake Laurie Jadwin Sloan Spalding **Emily Keeler** Cindi Fitzpatrick **Brandon Standley** Jeremiah Gracia Dave Medlev Joe Stefanov Dave Gulden Heidi Munc Andy Volenik Eric Richter Tim Wilson Christine Houk

Commission Members Present

Chase Bennett Jamie Brucker RC Wise

Commission Members Viewing Live Stream

Michelle Blanton Drenda Keesee Bill Narducci
Terry Emery Haley Lupton Nick Shultz
Bill Habig Mark Mauter Hannah Wynne

Jeff Hall Tom McCarthy Mark Johns Brittany Misner

Associate Members Viewing Live Stream

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present

Parag Agrawal Shawn Hufstedler Kyle Probert Steve Armstrona Ethan Hug Melissa Rapp Padmini Roy-Dixon **Todd Bradley** Jessica Keunzli Dave Dixon Eileen Leuby Shari Saunders Preston Frick Yan Liu Maria Schaper Kelsey Matson Mary Turner Matika Fields William Murdock Brandi Whetstone Joe Garrity Aubrey Hauter Adam Porr Robert Williams

MORPC Staff Viewing Live Stream

Karina Peggau

Guests Present

Grace Byler, Morrow County
Tom Homan, 208 Process Review Chair
Misty Jordan, SEMCOG
Ben Kepple, City of Westerville
Amy O'Leary, SEMCOG
Scott Phinney, ODOT

Cornell Robertson, The Mannik & Smith Group Jeff Stauch, CORPO Chair Jim Stroup, Perry County Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter Kevin Vettraino, SEMCOG Kyle Wilson, Franklin County SWCD Transportation Policy Committee Minutes April 10, 2025 Page 2

Guests Viewing Live Stream

Sam Duling Anthony Hill, ODOT Daniel Johnson, FHWA Brent Welch, FCEO

Meeting Called to Order - Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

Chair Chris Amorose Groomes called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

<u>Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report</u> – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Development Officer

Parag Agrawal presented the <u>Metropolitan Planning Organization Report</u> noting Resolution 02-25 on the Commission Consent Agenda allows MORPC to work with ODOT on an active transportation plan for the U.S. 23 corridor.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the MPO area is a \$4.1 billion program that lists the transportation projects that will be funded by federal and state resources in the next four years in Central Ohio. Approximately 65 percent will be invested in transit; approximately ten percent will be invested in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The public comment period is open through April 11. Mr. Parag demonstrated the online, interactive map that is available to look at proposed projects. MORPC hosted an April 2 Open House for the CORPO and MPO TIPs.

Mr. Agrawal shared recent impacts on local members of the Federal Transit Administration's 5310 grant program administered through MORPC. About two years ago the City of Groveport received \$85,000 and the City of Obetz received \$114,000 through this program. The new buses arrived two weeks ago helping senior citizens and people with disabilities get to personal appointments.

MORPC is hosting a Regional Bike to Work Day competition on May 14 between interested member governments by encouraging members to host their own Bike to Work events and have the chance to be crowned the 2025 Bike to Work Day Champion. Reach out to the Gohio Commute Team at gohio@morpc.org with questions or to sign up and receive your toolkit.

The Transportation Innovation Forum is June 4. Guest speakers include Jeff Timlin, former CEO of San Franciso Municipal Transportation Agency; Pamela Boratyn, ODOT Director; Kristin White, Head of Transportation Strategy Partnerships; Kelly Scocco, City of Coumbus Public Services Director; Ferzan Ahmed, Ohio Turnpike Executive Director; and more. Registration opens April 16.

Access Ohio 2050 - Randy Lane, ODOT Statewide Planning Manager

Randy Lane presented an overview of <u>Access Ohio 2050</u>, ODOT's long-range transportation plan, highlighting the goals, systems, and upcoming stakeholder and public engagement meetings.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Brad Ebersole made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Bill LaFayette; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee

Transportation Advisory Committee Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director

DATE: April 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-7-25: "AMENDING THE SFY 2025

PLANNING WORK PROGRAM"

In spring 2025, MORPC applied for and was awarded funding through ODOT's Special Active Transportation Funding Solicitation. This funding will be used to develop two work products:

- a Central Ohio Cycling Guide, which will serve as an update to the Regional Bikeways Plan (last updated in 2016);
- and an active transportation plan for the U.S. 23 corridor to complement the
 concepts identified in the Route 23 Connect Preliminary Feasibility Study. This
 plan is intended to inform future evaluation of those concepts as implementation
 progresses. The MORPC team is collaborating with ODOT District 6 staff to
 complete this planning process.

This resolution adds work elements 66505-1000 Regional Bicycling Guide and 66506-3000 US-23 Active Transportation Study.

Attachment: Resolution T-7-25

RESOLUTION T-7-25

"AMENDING THE SFY 2025 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM"

WHEREAS, following review by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), the Transportation Policy Committee accepted the MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) for Fiscal Year 2025 by Resolution T-6-24; and

WHEREAS, a new work element, Regional Bicycling Guide, as shown in the attachment, has been developed to be added to the SFY 2025 PWP; and

WHEREAS, a new work element, US-23 Active Transportation Study, as shown in the attachment, has been developed to be added to the SFY 2025 PWP; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its April 28, 2025 meeting, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its April 30, 2025 meeting recommended approval to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it hereby amends the SFY 2025 Planning Work Program (PWP) to add the work elements as shown in the attachment.
- Section 2. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work elements as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of an activity.
- Section 3. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration as evidence of acceptance of this amendment by the Transportation Policy Committee.
- Section 4. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of the committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Michelle Crandall, Acting Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment: State Fiscal Year 2025 Work Element Additions

665-Special Studies

66505-1000 - Regional Bicycling Guide

Primary Contact: Melinda Vonstein

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. The Guide will reflect updated cycling infrastructure and promote MORPC's Trail Town efforts. The Guide is intended to promote, encourage, market cycling in Central Ohio for transportation. The guide will include:

- an update the Regional Bike Level of Stress Map;
- a 15-County Trail Map highlighting high comfort, engaging, and fun cycling routes;
- a safety assessment supported Al video imagery analysis; and
- a Trail Town Story Map for 4 communities.

Product/Method	Agencies	Schedule
Biking Level of Stress Map Update the Bicycle LTS data layer for the MPO area and create a digital web map resource for public access. Print new user maps to distribute across Central Ohio.	MORPC	June 2026
15-County Trail Map Create a public facing map of existing COG trails and curated cycling experiences for the 15-County MORPC region. Develop as digital resource and print map.	MORPC	June 2026
Safety Assessment Use AI tools to evaluate video data collected on cycling trips to assess safety conditions along portions of major cycling routes.	MORPC	June 2026
Trail Town Story Map Create a user-friendly digital story map highlighting four trail town communities in Central Ohio that can be used as a template for future trail towns.	MORPC	June 2026
Engagement Conduct focus groups, stakeholder workshops, surveys, and other innovative engagement activities to inform development of map products.	MORPC	June 2026

Related Activities

60135-3000 - Safety Planning

61015-3000 - Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

Budget

Total Work Element Budget: \$325,000

Spent Previous Year: \$0

Remaining Work Element Budget: \$325,000

Funding Sources: ODOT: \$325,000

Budget Note: ODOT Special Active Transportation Funding Solicitation – no local match required.

66506-3000 - US-23 Active Transportation Study

Primary Contact: Lauren Cardoni

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. This plan is intended to inform future evaluation of those concepts as implementation progresses. The MORPC team is collaborating with ODOT District 6 staff to complete this planning process.

The Rt-23 Active Transportation Plan will accomplish the following:

- Outline the regional vision, goals, and strategies needed to support safe, convenient, and accessible active transportation options.
- Document the current state of walking and biking within a 1.5-mile radius of the U.S. 23 corridor between I-270 and Waldo.
- Identify programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements to meet the needs of people walking and biking along and across the U.S. 23 corridor.

Product/Method	Agencies	Schedule
Plan Development Develop an active transportation plan for the U.S. 23 corridor that ensures walking and bicycling remain a viable and safe travel option for communities within the study area. Coordinate the plan with other relevant initiatives and studies.	Local Governments, MORPC, ODOT	December 2025
Stakeholder & Public Engagement Collaborate with ODOT District 6 to engage relevant stakeholders in the planning process. Coordinate with stakeholders to conduct strategic public outreach at key milestones.	Local Governments, MORPC, ODOT	December 2025

Related Activities

61015-3000 - Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

Budget

Total Work Element Budget: \$136,400

Spent Previous Year: \$0

Remaining Work Element Budget: \$136,400

Funding Sources: ODOT: \$136,400

Budget Note: ODOT Special Active Transportation Funding Solicitation – no local match required.



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee

Transportation Advisory Committee Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director

DATE: April 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution T-9-25: "Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation

Planning Process"

In urbanized areas, which have a population of 50,000 or more, federal planning law (49 U.S.C. 5303) calls upon local officials to cooperate with states and public transportation providers in undertaking a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C) multimodal transportation planning process. This metropolitan transportation planning process is carried out through MORPC as a federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO).

Every four years, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must certify that each MPO serving a transportation management area (TMA), a designation by DOT of an urbanized area with a population over 200,000 as defined by the Bureau of the Census, is carrying out the metropolitan planning process in adherence with federal statutes and regulations. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) last conducted this review, on the Secretary's behalf, at MORPC in 2022 and will conduct another recertification review of MORPC in September 2026.

However, federal regulations also specify that the state and MPO must annually self-certify to FHWA and FTA that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Resolution T-9-25 self-certifies MORPC's metropolitan transportation planning process and affirms that MORPC, as an MPO, is meeting all requirements in its transportation planning work.

Attachment: Resolution T-9-25

RESOLUTION T-9-25

"Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process"

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Columbus Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.334 requires that the state and MPO certify, at least every four years, that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements, including:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning requirements);
- 2) Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as Amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93;
- 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- 4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or business opportunity;
- 5) Section 11101(e) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT-funded projects;
- 6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of the equal employment opportunity program on federal and federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- 7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37 and 38;
- 8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
- 9) Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- 10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this "self-certification" is separate from the MPO certification done by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, which was last conducted at MORPC in 2022 and will be conducted again in 2026; and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite to the receipt of federal financial assistance (per 49 CFR Subtitle A, Section 21.7), MORPC is required to provide the Title VI Assurances included in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 28, 2025 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 30, 2025 recommended approval of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE **MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**:

- Section 1. That it certifies that the urban transportation planning process is carried out in conformance with all the applicable federal requirements to the degree that is appropriate for the size and complexity of the area.
- Section 2. That it provides the Title VI Assurances in Attachment A, Parts 1 and 2.

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Section 3. 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, Acting Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachments:

A. Part 1 – Standard DOT Title VI Assurances
Part 2 – Contractor Contractual Requirements

PART 1 STANDARD DOT TITLE VI ASSURANCES

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) hereby agrees that as a condition to receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT), it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d <u>et seq.</u>) and all requirements imposed by 49 CFR Part 21 - Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which MORPC receives Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. Without limiting the above general assurance, MORPC agrees that:

- 1. Each "program" and "facility" (as defined in Sections 21.23(e) and 21.23 (b)) will be conducted or operated in compliance with all requirements of the Regulations.
- 2. It will insert the clauses of Part 2 of this assurance in every contract subject to the Act and the Regulations.
- 3. This assurance obligates MORPC for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of personal property or real property or interest therein or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates MORPC or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:
 - (a) the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or
 - (b) the period during which MORPC retains ownership or possession of the property.
- 4. It will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom they delegate specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other sponsors, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants or Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.
- 5. It agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance for this Project and is binding on MORPC, its contractor, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest and other participants in the Project. The person whose signature appears on this resolution is authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of MORPC.

PART 2 CONTRACTOR CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

- 1. **Compliance with Regulations**. The contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "DOT"), Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations"), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract
- 2. **Nondiscrimination**. The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender or sex (including pregnancy, gender identification or expression, and sexual orientation), age (including federally protected 40 years or older), disability or other handicap, low-income status, limited English proficiency, religion, genetic information, gender identification, creed, military status (past, present, or future), medical conditions, or marital/familial status in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 49 CFR 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B to part 21 of the Regulations.
- 3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender or sex (including pregnancy, gender identification or expression, and sexual orientation), age (including federally protected 40 years or older), disability or other handicap, low-income status, limited English proficiency, religion, genetic information, gender identification, creed, military status (past, present, or future), medical conditions, or marital/familial status.
- 4. **Information and Reports**. The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), or U.S. DOT to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to MORPC, ODOT or U.S. DOT, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- 5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance**. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, MORPC shall impose such contract sanctions as it, ODOT or the U.S. DOT may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies, and/or
 - b. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
- 6. **Incorporation of Provisions**. The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall include the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 5 in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as MORPC, ODOT or U.S. DOT may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event a contractor or subcontractor(s) becomes involved in, or is threatened

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with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor or subcontractor(s) may request MORPC or ODOT to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of MORPC or ODOT and, in addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.



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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.

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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.

Michelle Crandall, Acting Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: May 8, 2025

Submitted by: Joseph Garrity, Sr. Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations Prepared by: Joseph Garrity, Sr. Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations

Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21

For action date: May 8, 2025



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2025 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: MORPC Town Hall

Commission Members Present

LaGrieta Acheampong **Tracie Davies** Mike Schadek **Chris Amorose Groomes Brad Ebersole** Elissa Schneider Chase Bennett David Efland Kelly Scocco Lee Bodnar Adam Fowler Joe Steager Jamie Brucker James Jewell Robyn Stewart Ben Kessler Trenton Weaver Ron Bullard Gary Burkholder Bill LaFayette **RC** Wise

Ben Collins Steve Mazer
Michelle Crandall Eric Meyer

Commission Members Viewing Live Stream

Laurie Jadwin Jeff Benton Eric Richter Michelle Blanton Mark Johns Nick Shultz Paul Brake **Emily Keeler** Chloe Siens-Núñez Terry Emery Drenda Keesee Sloan Spalding Cindi Fitzpatrick Haley Lupton **Brandon Standley** Jeremiah Gracia Mark Mauter Joe Stefanov Tom McCarthy Andy Volenik Dave Gulden Tim Wilson Bill Habig Dave Medley Jeff Hall **Brittany Misner** Hannah Wynne

Christine Houk Heidi Munc
Pam Hykes O'Grady Bill Narducci

<u>Transportation Policy Committee Members Present</u>

Kim Sharp

Associate Members Viewing Live Stream

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present

Shawn Hufstedler Parag Agrawal Kyle Probert Steve Armstrong Ethan Hug Melissa Rapp **Todd Bradley** Jessica Keunzli Padmini Roy-Dixon Dave Dixon Eileen Leuby Shari Saunders Maria Schaper Preston Frick Yan Liu Kelsey Matson Mary Turner Matika Fields Brandi Whetstone William Murdock Joe Garrity Robert Williams **Aubrey Hauter** Adam Porr

MORPC Staff Viewing Live Stream

Karina Peggau

Guests Present

Grace Byler, Morrow County
Tom Homan, 208 Process Review Chair
Misty Jordan, SEMCOG
Ben Kepple, City of Westerville
Amy O'Leary, SEMCOG
Scott Phinney, ODOT

Guests Viewing Live Stream

Sam Duling Anthony Hill, ODOT Cornell Robertson, The Mannik & Smith Group Jeff Stauch, CORPO Chair Jim Stroup, Perry County Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter Kevin Vettraino, SEMCOG Kyle Wilson, Franklin County SWCD

Daniel Johnson, FHWA Brent Welch, FCEO <u>Meeting Called to Order</u> – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair Chair Chris Amorose Groomes called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Recognition of Guests and New Members</u> – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Eileen Leuby congratulated the City of Marion for being one of two finalists in the Strongest Town Contest. Voting ended at noon today.

Ms. Leuby welcomed ODOT Administrator and Statewide Planner Scott Phinney, SEMCOG Executive Director Amy O'Leary, SEMCOG Director of Administration Misty Jordan, SEMCOG Director of Planning Kevin Vettraino, Perry County Commissioner Chase Bennett, and Perry County Administrator Jim Stroup.

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

William Murdock gave the <u>Executive's Director Report</u> beginning with wishing all a happy Earth Month. Mr. Murdock welcomed Team Members from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). SEMCOG is at MORPC for two days for a peer-to-peer exchange.

Mr. Murdock reported that the intern program for local government summer internships received over 700 applications, with 54 placements so far. He encouraged interested parties to participate, emphasizing the program's role in fostering interest in public service.

The Central Ohio Water Study, conducted in collaboration with the Ohio EPA, is nearing completion. Approval is expected this month, with an unveiling and education session scheduled in May.

Mr. Murdock discussed the transportation budget, highlighting a study to explore a connector between U.S. 23 and I-71 in Delaware County. This study is a collaboration with ODOT and the Ohio Turnpike Commission.

Mr. Murdock emphasized the importance of transportation safety, noting the positive impact of distracted driving legislation that went into effect two years ago this month. He shared statistics showing a decrease in crashes (eight percent), injuries (three percent), and fatalities (four percent) since the law's implementation.

Mr. Murdock noted Resolution 03-25 on the consent agenda. The City of Columbus is transitioning the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging to a regional council of governments with MORPC providing guidance and staff assistance. The resolution formalizes MORPC's technical assistance role.

The State of the Region was highly successful with nearly 1,000 attendees, record sponsorship, and a fifty percent increase in member attendance. The event featured two members of Congress from different parties presenting an award together. Fairfield County Commissioner Jeff Fix received the Leadership Award, and Tom Homan was recognized with the William H. Anderson Award. Mr. Homan is the only two-time recipient of the award.

Mr. Murdock discussed the changes in Ohio's virtual meeting laws and how MORPC is adapting to accommodate the new regulations. The new regulations complicate some aspects of virtual meetings. To accommodate the new laws, MORPC implemented a one-way streaming platform for virtual meetings, disabling the comment feature. This adjustment aims to comply with the new regulations while maintaining meeting accessibility.

Mr. Murdock provided updates on federal programs and grants, emphasizing the importance of MORPC's role in helping communities navigate these opportunities. He noted that some grants previously on pause have resumed, and new opportunities are emerging. Staffing cuts at federal agencies may lead to delays in program implementation. MORPC is monitoring developments to mitigate potential impacts on projects.

The pre-Commission luncheon in May focuses on practical tools and strategies for communities for building houses. Featured speakers include Curtiss Williams from the Central Ohio Land Bank; Brad DeHays, CEO of Connect Housing Blocks; Mike Stevens from the City of Columbus Department of Development, and the Greater Ohio Policy Center.

Mr. Murdock provided an update on passenger rail, including completion of Step 1 of the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor ID program for the Pittsburgh-Columbus-Chicago route. MORPC and partners are working on developing match requirements for Step 2. Several communities expressed support for the passenger rail projects. MORPC is planning events with the corporate community to further promote these initiatives. A Central Ohio delegation is going to Fort Worth, Texas to see the work going on there.

The LinkUS project, a regional mobility effort, is progressing with the finalization of the governance structure. The Franklin County sales tax, which went into effect April 1, will fund 83 transit supportive infrastructure projects over the next five years. MORPC is working closely with various entities to ensure successful project implementation.

The Member Benefit of the Month is the Gohio Commute program. Commuters and employers can access the online ride share program at no cost. The program, used by tens of thousands of employees in Ohio, helps commuters find carpool partners, join vanpools, and sign up for emergency ride home vouchers. MORPC also works directly with employers to help provide commute options to their employees.

The Map of the Month is the newly released interactive <u>Development Drive Times</u> map that shows major new developments in the region.

The Grant of the Month is Ohio Department of Transportation's Conservancy District Program that provides economic support to conservancy districts for infrastructure projects.

The Rural Forum Series engages in different topics important to our rural and outlying communities. Mr. Murdock thanked the communities hosting the upcoming forums.

Mr. Murdock recognized the following Business First 40 under 40 honorees: Shaquille Alexander, City of Whitehall Treasurer; Eric Meyer, City of Reynoldsburg Director of Development; Ruchelle Pride, Franklin County's Office of Justice Policy & Programs Interim Director; and Garth Weithman, COTA Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

<u>Proposed Resolution 04-25:</u> "Authorizing the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) the ability to pursue designation as a 208 Areawide Planning Agency" – Tom Homan, 208 Process Review Committee Chair and Brandi Whetstone, MORPC Director of Sustainability

Tom Homan and Brandi Whetstone presented the <u>208 Process Review Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u>. MORPC asked Mr. Homan to chair the 208 Process Review Committee to evaluate the request for MORPC to consider becoming a designated Areawide Planning Agency and to review and provide guidance on the policy that would guide the Areawide (a requirement for

designation). The committee began in June 2024 and engaged in a 10-month process. Mr. Homan recognized committee members and the MORPC Team for their work.

Areawide Planning Agencies are responsible for updating and maintaining water quality management plans which incorporate the 208 plans for wastewater. This includes documenting sewer service providers and defining the Facility Planning Areas for wastewater treatment. In creating recommendations, the committee reached out to the six Areawide Planning Agencies for sample policies and best practices. 208 planning strengthens a community's ability to align wastewater treatment needs and pollution prevention goals with regional growth and community planning.

The committee feels confident in MORPC being designated an Areawide Planning Agency. The committee proposes 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 proposed resolution includes sustainable funding considerations, recommended policies, and a proposed governance structure. The committee and MORPC Team also developed a clear policy document for handling Facility Planning Area modifications and disputes.

Brad Ebersole made a motion to approve Resolution 04-25, second by LaGrieta Acheampong; motion passed.

Bylaws Committee - Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief Operating Officer

Shawn Hufstedler provided an update on the Bylaws Committee covering minor changes to various committees and the addition of the Central Ohio Economic Development District. The next few meetings will focus on administrative updates.

<u>Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization</u> – Jeff Stauch (Union County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair

Jeff Stauch presented the <u>Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Report</u>. County Subcommittee meetings were held between March 17 and 31. The FY 26 Planning Work Program is up for adoption at the next CORPO meeting. CORPO is hoping to use the increase in funding from \$230,000 to \$260,000 to pilot completing small scale studies for member communities.

The next CORPO meeting is May 5 at MORPC. They will review proposed revisions to the CORPO Bylaws and new MOUs. They will also update committee appointments.

The final draft of the 2026-2029 CORPO TIP includes 160 projects totaling \$378 million over the four years. A public comment period is open on the final draft until April 11. CORPO will review and adopt the TIP at the May 5 meeting. The final copy will be submitted to ODOT and incorporated in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Dave Dixon, MORPC Data Analytics & Strategy Director Dave Dixon gave the Regional Data Advisory Committee Update. The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) paused to reflect on their progress and where they are headed next at their meeting April 1 meeting. RDAC is beginning the process of updating the 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda.

The public launch of the MORPC Insights Platform is soon. Mr. Dixon gave a brief demonstration of the new platform.

Mr. Dixon highlighted a few of the results of the <u>Leaders Listen: Economic Development Survey</u>. Almost three-quarters of residents identified the lack of affordable housing as a top challenge for our local economy. Area residents pointed to a lack of affordable childcare as a top economic concern. Respondents are feeling more optimistic than not on the outlook for jobs in the region. There is good support for built infrastructure and utility projects, as well as doing more to help small businesses. Mr. Dixon shared the results on overall satisfaction with planners and decision makers.

<u>Regional Policy Roundtable</u> – Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations

Joe Garrity presented the Regional Policy Roundtable Update reporting that civic leaders from Central Ohio are traveling to the Dallas-Fort Worth region April 23-25 to see best practices on their transit system. The purpose of the curiosity trips is to look at red states with blue regions and see how they get things done. MORPC is working with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Trinity Metro Dart, and ULI Dallas to learn how they are implementing high quality BRT, about the impact on their community, and transit-oriented development. The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is May 20.

• <u>Legislative Update</u> – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations

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

- Federal continuing resolution
- Association of Defense Communities Conference
- o RTPO and passenger rail funding
- o Central Ohio Defense Group
- State Operating Budget
- o HB 15 & SB 2 energy legislation

<u>Sustainability Advisory Committee</u> – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), MORPC Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

Ben Kessler presented the <u>Sustainability Advisory Committee Report</u> and recognized Plain Township, the latest community to join MORPC's Sustainabile2050 program. Sustainable2050 membership is open to all MORPC members and requires a resolution supporting the Regional Sustainability Agenda's goals. The benefits include quarterly member forums, assistance, and recognition through a certification process. Reach out to Brandi Whetstone for more information.

Earth Day is April 22; we like to celebrate the entire month of April as Earth Month.

- MORPC is hosting a virtual lunch & learn on April 23 to learn more about updating the Regional Sustainability Agenda, MORPC's guiding document that aligns members and regional partners around common goals. A draft of the updated <u>Regional Sustainability</u> <u>Agenda</u> will be available for public comment beginning April 21.
- On April 29, MORPC is hosting an Air Quality Awareness Webinar to learn more about air quality forecasting and MORPC's role, learn how air quality impacts public health in Central Ohio, and discover practical solutions to maintain cleaner air.

In May, MORPC is kicking off a four-part energy series on "Securing our Energy Future." Ohio is rapidly becoming a national hub for innovation, economic growth, and high-tech infrastructure bringing unprecedented energy challenges. The Ohio Business Roundtable released the Energy Competitiveness Study showing that Ohio faces electricity shortages as soon as 2027. Registration is required. Contact Brian Filiatraut (bfiliatraut@morpc.org) for more information or to register.

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is June 18 at Del-Co Water, where we will have the opportunity to learn more about their floating solar array. The next Sustainable 2050 member

forum is May 22 at MORPC, featuring a presentation from Ohio EPA about their free pollution prevention assistance program.

Mayor Kessler invited members to the Bexley Drexel Theater on April 24 to hear Jeff Speck.

 <u>Proposed Resolution 05-25</u>: "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, MORPC Chief Regional Planning Officer

Jessica Kuenzli shared that MORPC is applying to lead a cohort of local governments through the Charging Smart Designation Program, aiming to build a seamless, cost-effective, and sustainable EV charging network for our region. If awarded, we will provide free technical assistance to help achieve the nationally recognized Charging Smart designation.

Elissa Schneider made a motion to approve Resolution 05-25, second by Ben Kessler; motion passed.

<u>Transportation Policy Committee</u> – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair Chair Amorose Groomes called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:37 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:56 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Michelle Crandall made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, a second was made; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Executive Committee

Officers and Board Members

FROM: 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:

- 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 IIJA and CAAA.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance, or any other document required by the U.S. DOT, effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including amendments.
- Section 6. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the application for the PWP.
- Section 7. That the executive director is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
- Section 8. That the following estimated funding be requested from ODOT:
 - a. \$3,269,901 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 enterinto 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.

Michelle Crandall, Acting Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: May 9, 2025

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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.

- 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.

- · 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

\$727,621 was spent prior to SFY 2026. The balance for Total Budget: \$8,475,683 SFY 2026 or later is \$7,748,062.

Work Elements

66505-1000 - Regional Bicycling Guide (SFY 2026)

Budget: \$325,000 Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end

\$225,000 remaining 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 Activity was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2025.

\$86,400 remaining

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.

- 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.

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 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.

- 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 highvolume 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.

- 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.

- · 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 multimodal 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.	CORPO, Local Governments	As needed for TIP and CTP
Safety funding applications: Encourage members to address safety concerns through engineering and enforcement measures. Assist members with their applications for safety funding.	CORPO, ODOT, Local Governments/Others	Ongoing
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.	CORPO, ODOT, Local Governments/Others	Ongoing
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.	CORPO, ODOT, Local Governments	Ongoing
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.	CORPO, MORPC, Local governments and Transit Agencies	Ongoing

Budget

Total Work Element	FHWA	ODOT	MORPC
\$86,200	\$68,960	\$8,620	\$8,620

602 - Transportation Improvement Program

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

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

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

Product: Method	Agencies	Schedule
Transportation Improvement Program: Coordinate with ODOT Districts 5 and 6, MORPC, transit providers and local agencies on project information for 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.	CORPO	Ongoing
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.	CORPO & Local Agencies	Ongoing

Budget

Total Work Element	FHWA	ODOT	MORPC
\$57,400	\$45,920	\$5,740	\$5,740

No. 60296-3000

PID: 118375

<u>605 – Continuing Planning – Surveillance</u>

Data and Analysis PID: 118375

No. 60596-3000

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

No. 61096-3000 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

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.

Michelle Crandall, Acting Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: May 8, 2025

Submitted by: Robert Williams, Senior Director of Residential Services

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