

“Adopting the CORPO Committee Bylaws”

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) is designated as the regional transportation planning organization (RTPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with local officials for Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union counties; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of CORPO to make efficient and effective use of its resources while maintaining compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to it; and

WHEREAS, CORPO staff have prepared proposed changes to the Bylaws adopted by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission by Resolution 18-16; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the CORPO Bylaws at their November 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC Bylaws Committee has reviewed and discussed the changes to the CORPO Bylaws proposed by the CORPO Committee; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO staff and CORPO Committee proposed changes to align with the practices in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) Manual, better reflect current Committee practices, improve committee procedures, and resolve unclear language; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:

- Section 1. That the CORPO Committee adopts the CORPO Committee Bylaws shown in Attachment 1.
- Section 2. That CORPO requests that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission incorporate the adopted Bylaws into the MORPC Bylaws.
- Section 3. That the CORPO 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.



Jeff Stauch, Chair

CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

5/5/25

Date

Prepared by: CORPO Staff

**CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
BYLAWS**

A. NAME

The name of this committee shall be the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization COMMITTEE for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

B. ORIGIN

The COMMITTEE is provided for the federally and state sponsored “Regional Transportation Planning Organization” (RTPO) and is administered by an ODOT approved Planning Work Program (PWP) at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

C. PURPOSE

The COMMITTEE is designated as the RTPO for Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties surrounding the Columbus metropolitan planning area in the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission’s area of interest and designated by a COMMISSION agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation. The COMMITTEE is the forum for cooperative decision-making that will be taking the required approval actions as the RTPO. The State of Ohio has designated the RTPO area, per USC § 135(m), as amended, to enhance the planning, coordination, and implementation of statewide strategic long-range transportation plans and transportation improvement programs, with an emphasis on addressing the needs of non-metropolitan areas of the State.

D. MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

To be a member of the Central Ohio RTPO, each County Board of Commissioners must execute a Memorandum of Understanding and resolution declaring membership in the COMMITTEE and the creation of a COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEE. All terms of Central Ohio RTPO Membership are managed by the Memorandum of Understanding

E. QUORUM

A quorum shall be defined as at least one representative from at least two thirds of the member counties in the RTPO. When there is a quorum, an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present is necessary for any action taken.

F. MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION

Fourteen representatives on the COMMITTEE shall consist of two members from each COUNTY selected by the County Board of Commissioners for their respective county.

Seven additional representatives on the COMMITTEE shall consist of one member from each COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEE selected by the members of the COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEE from their respective COUNTY. .s

Members of the COMMITTEE shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. A vacancy on the COMMITTEE shall be filled by the appointing authority that appointed such Member in the first instance.

Alternates may be used when COMMITTEE members will be unable to attend. COMMITTEE members shall notify the Secretary at the beginning of each calendar year of any alternates that may attend on their behalf with full member representation privileges.

Additional ex-officio representatives shall include appropriate State and Federal transportation officials.

G. OFFICERS

The officers of the COMMITTEE shall be selected from the COMMITTEE membership annually and announced at the first official meeting of the COMMITTEE. The committee shall select the following officers: a Chairperson to preside over meetings and to certify all minutes of COMMITTEE business meetings and a Vice-Chairperson to act on the Chairperson's behalf in his or her absence. CORPO staff will serve as the Secretary. .

H. MEETINGS

The COMMITTEE will meet at a minimum once annually. Biannual meetings are recommended. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, fulfilling the Chair's duties, or by any three (3) members of the COMMITTEE.

I. NOTICE

Notice of meetings shall be mailed and/or electronically mailed at least one week in advance of the meeting date, whenever practical.

J. COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEES

The COMMITTEE is advised by COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEES. One COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEE represents each county.

Required and suggested representation on the County Subcommittee shall be determined as follows:

1. Required: One of the two COMMITTEE members appointed by the County Commissioners in accordance with F. above
2. Required: The County Engineer
3. Required: A representative of the chief executive officer of the City with the largest number of people, as determined by the decennial census of the United States, residing within the boundaries of the county and not within a metropolitan planning organization.
4. Required: Full members of the COMMISSION located wholly or partially within the boundaries of subcommittee county.
5. Representation of other municipalities and townships that are located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the county.
6. Representation of any local or regional planning commission that is serving the county wholly or partially.
7. Representation of agencies that provide transportation services to the county wholly or partially, including:
 - a) Transit Agencies
 - b) Vehicle for Hire Companies
 - c) Providers serving individuals with disabilities
 - d) Providers serving seniors
 - e) Providers serving at-risk populations
8. Representation of the Ohio Department of Transportation District Office and/or the County Garage.

9. Representation of business and general citizenry.
10. Any other representative that the Board of County Commissioners invites to participate.