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**NOTICE OF A MEETING**

**ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE**  
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
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**Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Approval of February 3, 2021 Minutes** (enclosed)
3. **Development of Draft Program of Projects**
  - **Discussion of staff recommendation**
  - **Adoption of draft program of projects for public comment period**
4. **Timeline and Next Steps**
5. **Other Business**
6. **Adjourn**

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ASSISTANCE.

**The next AFC Meeting is**  
**Wednesday, March 31, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**William Murdock, AICP**  
*Executive Director*

**Karen J. Angelou**  
*Chair*

**Erik J. Janas**  
*Vice Chair*

**Chris Amorose Grooms**  
*Secretary*

**ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
10 a.m.  
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

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**Members/Alternates Present**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Matt Peoples	City of Canal Winchester	Laura Comek	Village of Lockbourne
James Young	City of Columbus	Nick Gill	MORPC
Maria Cantrell	City of Columbus	Thea Ewing	MORPC
Reynaldo Stargell	City of Columbus	Ira Weiss	MORPC CAC
Andy Biesterveld	COTA	Catherine Girves	MORPC CAC
Bill Ferrigno	City of Delaware	Mike Barker	City of New Albany
Tiffany Jenkins	Delaware Co. Eng.	Brian Davidson	ODOT D6
Scott Sanders	Delaware Co. RPC	Kimberly Moss	The Ohio State University
Jeannie Willis	City of Dublin	Alan Haines	City of Pataskala
Barb Cox	Franklin Co. Eng.	Greg Butcher	City of Pickerington
Mike Andrako	Franklin Co. Eng.	Kevin Weaver	City of Westerville
Cindi Fitzpatrick	City of Grove City	Zach Woodruff	City of Whitehall
Letty Schamp	City of Hilliard		

**MORPC Staff Present**

Tom Graham  
Nate Vogt  
Lauren Cardoni  
Mary Ann Frantz  
Melinda Vonstein

**Guests Present**

Tim Nittle, City of Columbus	Anthony Turowski, ODOT District 6
Alan Moran, City of Columbus	Tom Hibbard, American Structurepoint
Jud Hines, City of Columbus	Valerie Croasmun, MS Consultants
Jim Pajk, City of Columbus	Kristin Studabaker, Carpenter Marty
Kelly Scocco, City of Columbus	Abigail Hesler
Rob Riley, Delaware Co. Eng.	Janie Hollingsworth
Fritz Crosier, Franklin Co. Eng.	Steven McCluskey
	Benjamin Boyer

**1. Introductions**

Chair Cindi Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2. Approval of January 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Fitzpatrick entertained a motion for the approval of the January 20, 2021 meeting minutes; Ira Weiss moved; Zach Woodruff seconded; and the motion carried.

### **3. Development of Draft Program of Projects**

Nick Gill explained that staff had received two separate funding proposals from AFC members since the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. These two proposals were summarized for AFC, in addition to a staff generated starting point which aimed to meld the two proposals submitted by committee members. Nick Gill provided a detailed overview of each proposal and the staff starting point for each category and asked the committee for any ideas to reduce the draft funding proposal for this round by around \$13 million to adhere to the limits outlined in the policies.

Andy Biesterveld explained to the committee that COTA would be reducing the scope of the Corridor Initiative and Strategic Land Acquisition funding request to no longer include acquisition of a downtown parcel. The scope of the request would only include general right-of-way acquisition and project development.

Nick Gill explained that further coordination would be needed to ensure that projects would still be viable if they did not receive 100 percent of their requested funding. Furthermore, Nick clarified that the attributable funds program remains out of fiscal balance in the coming years, and that further discussion would be necessary to determine the timing of new funding commitments.

Tim Nittle expressed concerns regarding the proposed funding commitments for the Rickenbacker Mobility Center given the score which the application received and the timing of the funding request in SFY 2022. Tim Nittle also expressed concerns with the uncertainty of the Corridor Initiative and Strategic Land Acquisition, specifically referencing that the specific corridors had yet to be identified for this project. Reynaldo Stargell further clarified that the City of Columbus submitted a letter of support for the corridor initiative project, although this letter did not provide support for the land acquisition component of the project.

Letty Schamp expressed that the region will need to work towards dedicated lanes for transit if mode shift is to be achieved, and further expressed the importance of incorporating these dedicated lanes into major widening projects. Letty Schamp also asked for the City of Columbus to explain why the Brice Road project was identified as Columbus' lowest priority application. James Young explained that the low priority given to the Brice Road application was related to the regional nature of the project and the nature of project benefits being less specific to the City of Columbus.

Andy Biesterveld further explained the importance of supporting the Corridor Initiative and Strategic Land Acquisition request at this time. The committee engaged in continued conversation regarding prioritization of high capacity transit categories, and the appropriateness of the Corridor Initiative and Strategic Land Acquisition request.

Cindi Fitzpatrick asked the committee to discuss the proposed funding commitments for projects outside the transit category. Nick Gill asked if any project sponsors were concerned with proposed partial funding of new funding requests. Fritz Crosier expressed that the Franklin County Engineer's Office would continue to pursue advancements of their projects even if only partially funded through the Attributable Funding process. James Young expressed that the City of Columbus was comfortable with proposed partial funding for the E Broad Street project.

Rob Riley suggested reducing proposed funding levels for projects in the Minor category and reconsidering these funding commitments when potential federal stimulus was passed. James Young expressed concern with reducing the proposed funding for the Sancus Boulevard project as this may impact the viability of the project.

No concerns were raised regarding proposed funding for projects in the System Preservation or the Bike and Pedestrian categories.

Nick Gill expressed that the current projections of future funding availability are conservative, and do not consider a potential new federal transportation bill or potential stimulus. Nick Gill further explained that the amount of available funding in the future is likely going to be larger than what is currently projected.

Andy Biesterveld asked that the committee consider revising the proposed funding for the Corridor Initiative and Strategic Land Acquisition to include approximately \$3 million in additional funding relative to the staff starting point.

Tim Nittle expressed concern regarding beginning a public comment period with a draft funding recommendation that includes commitments totaling approximately \$16 million more than what is outlined in the policies. The committee engaged in further discussion regarding exceeding the funding limits outlined in the policies.

Nick Gill expressed that the committee could wait to formally approve a draft program of projects for a public comment period to allow for additional conversations regarding potential funding levels of projects.

#### **4. Timeline and Next Steps**

Thea Walsh recommended that the committee delay acting on a draft program of projects until additional discussing can occur and potentially additional information was available regarding stimulus which could alleviate concerns regarding future available funding.

Chair Fitzpatrick entertained a motion to postpone any action regarding a draft program of projects and hold another AFC meeting to be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am; Ira Weiss moved; Zach Woodruff seconded; and the motion carried.

#### **5. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

Chair Fitzpatrick entertained a motion to adjourn; Andy Biesterveld moved; Ira Weiss seconded; and the motion carried at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thea Ewing  
Secretary