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## NOTICE OF A MEETING

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
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**Monday, August 31, 2020**  
**5:30 p.m.**

## AGENDA

- **5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions** – Catherine Girves, Chair
- **5:35 p.m. Approval of August 3, 2020, Meeting Minutes** (enclosed)
- **5:40 p.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) – Thea Ewing, MORPC
  - Monthly Report – Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC
  - Monthly Report – Planning & Sustainability – Stephen Patchan, MORPC
- **6:00 p.m. Resolutions**
  - Proposed Resolution T-11-20: Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Nathaniel Vogt, MORPC
  - Proposed Resolution T-12-20: Accepting the PWP Completion Report for the State Fiscal Year 2020 – Nick Gill, MORPC
- **6:15 p.m. Informational Items**
  - ORDC Rail Crossing Study – Megan McClory / Matt Dietrich (Guests), Ohio Rail Commission
  - Solar Toolkit for Local Governments – Jon-Paul d'Aversa, MORPC
  - Covid-19 Transportation Related Information – Thea Ewing, MORPC
- **6:20 p.m. Other Business**

- 6:30 pm Adjourn

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**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**



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Date: **August 3, 2020**  
Time: **5:30 p.m.**  
Location: **MORPC**

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**NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED AS A VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH  
MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORM**

**Members Present**

Bill Allman	LaGrieta Holloway	Ira Weiss
Dana Dorsey	David Paul	
Catherine Girves	Bob Roehm	

**MORPC Staff Present**

Jon-Paul d'Aversa	Ralonda Hampton	Bevan Schneck
Thea Ewing	Tobi Otulana	Aaron Schill
Thomas Graham	Stephen Patchan	Melissa Sharp
Niel Jurist	Lexi Petrella	Edwina Teye
Dina Lopez	Maria Schaper	Melinda Vonstein

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

- Chair Catherine Girves called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. There was a quorum.

**II. Approval of June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

- Chair Catherine Girves asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Ira Weiss moved; LaGrieta Holloway seconded; and the motion carried.

**III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Thea Ewing, MORPC**

- Ms. Ewing shared the outcome from the Brownfield Workshop that was held prior to this meeting. This is a US EPA funded grant to assess properties for potential cleanup for economic development. This is important to transportation as one of our focal points will be the corridors for transit routes, primarily COTA. However, the funding is available in all 15 MORPC counties. We would fund about \$20-\$50,000 of the assessment costs. We have a total of \$600,000 for the entire grant and about three years to spend it.  
<https://www.morpc.org/program-service/brownfields-grant-program/>
- On June 30, a press conference was held with MORPC, COTA, and the City of Columbus to launch LinkUS, which is the mobility corridors initiative for Central Ohio. <https://linkuscolumbus.com/>

The LinkUS Framework Strategy was created to ensure a consistent and replicable approach for each corridor. This includes a guiding mission statement and organizational framework that ties all corridor plans together, along with a recommended project development process and steps for

implementation. It establishes a set of goals to guide the identification of mobility investments and development opportunities.

MORPC is currently assisting in the design work being completed on the Northwest Corridor and East-West Corridor.

- Northwest Corridor update
  - Currently the focus of a City of Columbus study.
  - The Northwest Corridor is one of the most physically complex of the corridors studied in Corridor Concepts. It includes two major interchange areas (the “Knots”) that present significant challenges to north-south through movement, and is physically constrained by the Olentangy River, the CSX railroad, and the highway.
  - Multi-modal conceptual designs are being developed.
  - Virtual Public Involvement opportunities will be happening soon. It had been delayed due to COVID-19.
  
- East-West Corridor update
  - Currently the focus of a COTA study.
  - West Broad Street is highly feasible as a near-term advanced rapid transit line, operating within the existing street right-of-way. Similarly, both East Main Street and East Broad Street offer opportunities to connect east Columbus and the east side jurisdictions: Bexley, Whitehall, and Reynoldsburg multi-modal conceptual designs are being developed.
  - The first step is identifying a locally preferred alternative through a study of design and alignment options.
  - COTA will eminently acquire a consultant to develop the conceptual design.
  
- A question was asked to explain the terminology, “Brownfield”. It is an industry term to promote the investigation, cleanup, and redevelopment of property that is contaminated with petroleum and/or hazardous substances. It was also mentioned that state laws require that tanks be removed from abandoned gas stations for a certain number of years.  
<https://www.com.ohio.gov/fire/BUSTRResources.aspx>

**Monthly Report – Data & Mapping** – Aaron Schill, MORPC  
**2020 Census**

- Census Update – There was a request by the Census Bureau to extend data collection; unfortunately, as of now, this has not been approved. The plan is for all collection for the 2020 census to wrap up by the end of September. Door-to-door solicitations will resume on August 11. Given our current response rates, this creates quite a bit of concern for potential undercounting, especially in underserved areas of the state. Communications are still going strong, and we want to double down on those efforts.
- Franklin County’s communications consultant has provided a list of 100 things you can do in the last 100 days of the census to encourage participation. [100-days-100-ways](#)

- MORPC has consistently been providing resources through our social media and various channels.

### COVID-19

- MORPC, City of Columbus, Franklin County, One Columbus, the United Way and the Columbus Foundation have submitted a proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop a services of research briefs to look at the medium- and long-term social demographic and economic impacts that we as a region are at risk of due to COVID-19. Projected rollout is November.
- MORPC and the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio have been working for the past couple of months on developing a broadband access pilot program that is geared towards K-12 students in low-income households as well as addressing “work from home”, telehealth, telemedicine, and other internet needs. The City of Columbus approved a \$1.5 million dollar allocation of CARES Act dollars to provide broadband access through hotspot devices and refurbished computers to 10,000 households. This is an emergency stopgap measure to make sure that students can start school in September, and we are continuing to work on longer term solutions – for example, upgraded infrastructure and more permanent solutions.

### Monthly Report – Planning & Sustainability – Stephen Patchan, MORPC

- *Save the date*: Central Ohio Transportation Safety Forum – September 15, 2020 (2 – 4 p.m.). The forum is a result of the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan, and the agenda will cover guidance from stakeholders on any possible amendments to the plan in lieu of COVID and provide time for discussion about projects and issues they are experiencing from a safety standpoint. Keynote speaker to be announced.
- [Safety-Forum-Save-the-Date.pdf](#)
- Active Transportation Plan:
  - We are seeing an increase in the number of severe and fatal crashes for pedestrians and cyclists. Our bicycle/pedestrian networks are incomplete. Many miles of our streets are high stress for both cyclists and pedestrians. And more importantly, on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legislation being approved, the ADA facilities are incomplete. This plan is to trigger conversations to improve this infrastructure.
  - There are benefits to walking and biking – personal health, more efficient use of streets, economic development, etc.
  - MORPC did a quick modeling exercise to understand the regional travel patterns and found that half of our trips are less than 5 miles and 35% are less than 3 miles.
  - Mr. Patchan shared a graphic that depicts three “scenarios” showing how space is used up by cars, buses, and cyclists. The fourth scenario is what the graphic would look like if all were integrated (a separate bus lane, a bike only lane, and still room for cars).
  - A steering committee meeting and stakeholder meeting have been held; goals, vision of the project, issues/opportunities have been presented. The next steering committee meeting is in September.

MORPC will be issuing a public survey (using the ODOT public survey from their walk/bike Ohio survey) and targeting the lower income, non-white communities. Working with Data & Mapping and the Human Services Chamber to obtain statistically valid responses from a diverse audience. We are also looking at a short trip analysis to better understand where the lower hanging fruit is occurring and better target initial investments.

- Mr. Patchan also shared the project timeline.
- [ATP-Overview.pdf](#)

#### **IV. Information Items**

- TRAC Project Introduction – Dina Lopez, MORPC; Maria Schaper, MORPC
  - This is a council that is by appointment and tasked with committing ODOT funding for major new capacity program projects.
  - Ms. Schaper reviewed the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that was adopted in May 2020, focusing on freeway projects of the MTP and how they relate to the TRAC funding program.
  - Ms. Lopez reviewed the five applications:
    - I-71 and Big Walnut Interchange
    - Far East I-70/Pickerington Road/SR-256
    - Far East Freeway: Phases 2 & 3
    - I-270 & US 23 Southside Interchange
    - US 33 at Pickerington/Allen New Interchange
      - A question was raised concerning if bike accommodations are built into the project or if it would need a parallel corridor. Ms. Lopez indicated that this may be part of the detailed design that is still being worked out. She recommended sending letters from the cycling community and that a press release is scheduled for August 4 in which these applications will be available for comment. Ms. Lopez also proposed facilitating a conversation with the District 5 engineer.
      - An additional question was asked regarding Route 36/37 intersecting with I-71 vs the Big Walnut Interchange. Ms. Lopez indicated that these are two separate projects, and 36/37 is on the TRAC list but has not come up for funding for the past couple of years. The Big Walnut New Interchange project has been on MORPC's radar – previously, the engineer did not ask for any funds; they only asked to be recognized as a TRAC project/Tier 3 status. This year they applied for funds and this project has received quite a bit of activity on the public comments, as there are many residents who

- o oppose the new interchange adjacent to their neighborhood.
    - Ms. Lopez also reviewed the TRAC project timeline. Please note: there is not a CAC meeting on September 28.
    - [August-2020-TRAC-Presentation.pdf](#)
- People Who Bike Campaign – Lexi Petrella, MORPC
  - o This is a campaign that MORPC is working on along with the Central Ohio Mode Shift Coalition and Central Ohio Greenways to focus on encouraging mode shift, specifically focusing on breaking down the stereotypes of bicyclists as well as a great opportunity to encourage biking for transportation through the month of August.
  - o Ms. Petrella will be conducting “New York style interviews”, which is interviewing people and then writing narratives and sharing on social media.
  - o MORPC has developed a People Who Bike Passport, and the only requirement is that people complete at least three of the activities. These will be available at trail heads, libraries, etc.
  - o Ms. Girves provide some equitability suggestions.
  - o [People-Who-Bike-2020.pdf](#)
- TDM Strategic Plan – Lexi Petrella, MORPC
  - o TDM (transportation demand management) involves education, outreach incentives, programming to empower the public to be comfortable and confident with using sustainable modes of transportation. Because our mobility work world is constantly changing, the document is a two-year plan, and we want to make certain we can adjust our strategies accordingly.
  - o Ms. Petrella covered the core values of the plan, which include people, equity and innovation; the connection between the TDM and the MTP; the TDM strategies/action steps.
  - o [TDM-Plan.pdf](#)
- Trail Updates – Melinda Vonstein, MORPC
  - o Ms. Vonstein provided a brief overview of the Central Ohio Greenways (COG)
  - o One of the major projects that has been completed is the development of the regional trail vision. In 2018, the COG adopted the vision to add 500 more trails to the existing network of 230.
  - o In 2019, a consultant was hired to interview 35 to 40 regional political, philanthropic and business leaders and ask them what they thought about trails. The responses were overwhelming that this is really needed and our region need to build out this network to be more connected by trails and have more bike/pedestrian, bike, and pedestrian infrastructure to retain talent to continue to equitably build out our region and increase the quality of life.
  - o During COVID-19, we have seen how trails and outdoor space have been used as an important part of day-to-day life. And

- during the early stages of the pandemic, we have seen a 30% increase in trail activity.
- We are now preparing for a strategic implementation effort by working through a couple of projects, including trail prioritization Moving from 26% existing safe/comfortable bike access to 60% possible by providing access from homes along a safe route to a trail.
  - One of the other studies is the Impact of Trails. This project is funded by the Columbus Foundation, and our goal is to align data with philanthropic missions, understand the impacts of trails (affecting public health, economic development, social equity and the environment).
  - The last project is increasing the awareness of trails and encouraging more people to get out and use the trails for commuting and recreation. COG is doing this through a partnership with the Mode Shift Coalition to through the “People Who Bike” campaign.
  - A comment was made on whether the Great American Trail and the Ohio Erie Trail can be identified on the COG master map if they aren’t already. Ms. Vonstein confirmed that both trails are part of the regional trail vision and are on the map.
  - [Central-Ohio-Greenways.pdf](#)

**V. Other Business – None.**

**VI. Adjourn**

Chair Girves asked for a motion to adjourn; David Paul moved; LaGrieta Holloway second; meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Bevan Schneck, Secretary

**Community Advisory Committee**







## MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

September 2020

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# Transportation & Infrastructure Development

Thea Ewing, Director - [twalsh@morpc.org](mailto:twalsh@morpc.org)

### **Transit, Mobility & Human Services**

- MORPC staff have led the first Central Ohio Mobility Management Working Group meeting to discuss next steps of the program, coordination with ODOT, and other organizations. The Working Group will meet quarterly with opportunities for information sharing, program updates, and input.
- MORPC staff are developing a Specialized Mobility Search tool for older adults, people with disabilities, care takers, individuals with low income, and social service organizations to search for transportation options that support quality of life. The tool has been developed for demonstration and testing and is being improved for a better user experience.
- MORPC hosted a COTA / DCT / LCATS / LCT Coordination meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- MORPC has scheduled a 5310-info meeting scheduled for September 18.
- MORPC staff is developing a matrix to determine who received OTP@ funding vs. CARES Act funding and what amounts.
- Staff met with COTA, Westerville and the City of Columbus regarding planning transit-oriented development along COTA's CMAX BRT line.

### ➤ **Gohio**

- Gohio Staff attended the Association of Commuter Transportation Annual Virtual Conference to learn best practices in our industry.
- Gohio Staff continue to work on DE&I taskforce to develop a DE&I plan for the Association of Commuter Transportation.
- MORPC staff have implemented a TDM campaign for August 2020 called People Who Bike to encourage Central Ohio residents to bike for transportation. The campaign is focused on providing incentives and educational resources for residents new to or interested in biking to feel encouraged and empowered to bike instead of driving a single occupancy vehicle.
- MORPC staff are working with the Columbus Young Professionals to implement an online webinar on the importance of using sustainable modes of transportation and engaging vulnerable populations in the planning process. The webinar is part of Columbus Young Professionals Week 2020 and will encourage a broad audience to view it.

## **Transportation Planning Studies**

### ➤ **ODOT US 33 Southeast Study**

- ODOT district 6 is in the beginning stages of a corridor study of Us 33 from approximately SR 104 to Fairfield County. The study is to look at mainline capacity issues, the interchange at I-270 and identified problems at other interchanges in the study area. MORPC is assisting by providing the base modeling work to ODOT and their consultants. Initial modeling work was provided to ODOT in early August.

### ➤ **Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)**

- Passenger Rail Project: MORPC participated in a meeting with the Northeast Indiana Passenger Rail Association, All Aboard Ohio, and the various communities between Gary, IN and Lima, OH to discuss the best way to advance the passenger rail environmental studies.
- Hyperloop Project: MORPC continues to support Jobs Ohio, the Transportation Research Center, Virgin Hyperloop, and others to advance economic development negotiations to bring a research center and certification track for hyperloop technology.

## **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)**

- CORPO's quarterly newsletter is now online and was posted to the CORPO website in early August.
- County-level subcommittee meetings via teams are in the process of being held during the first half of September.
- CORPO participated in MORPC's second Mobility Management Peer Exchange on August 17th. CORPO will moderate a virtual discussion regarding Rural Transportation and Mobility on September 14th.
- CORPO will host a breakout session at the Central Ohio Safety Forum scheduled for September 19th.
- In August CORPO provided feedback on OHM's draft Transit Feasibility Study as well as on ODOT's US 33 Study drafts.
- The CORPO webpage is updated with information regarding regional funding and links.
- CORPO is assisting MORPC on an EDA Workforce development grant and working with CORPO members to determine who received CARES act funding and how much.

## **Infrastructure Funding**

### ➤ **MORPC Attributable Funding**

- MORPC held a virtual meeting of the Attributable Funds Committee on August 5, 2020. MORPC staff provided an overview of the screening applications submitted for new funding, as well as a summary of commitment update received for this round of attributable funding.
- MORPC continues to develop feedback for applicants regarding the screening applications for new funding. This feedback, as well as guidance for final applications, will be provided to applicants by the end of August.

### ➤ **Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)**

- Applications for funding from OPWC programs for local infrastructure projects in District 3 (Franklin County) are due to MORPC on September 30, 2020, at 5 p.m. More than \$27 million in grants and loans are available for projects starting construction in the SFY

beginning July 1, 2021. Team members are available to answer prospective applicants' questions by phone, email, and virtual meeting.

- Applications for District 17 (includes Delaware, Licking and Fairfield counties) are due on November 6, 2020.
- Final applications for District 11 (includes Union County) are due on October 5, 2020.

➤ **Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)**

- Application materials for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund will be available on MORPC's website in late August. Information will be sent to communities in OPWC.
- District 3 (Franklin County) is announcing the availability of \$3.9 million for green space acquisition and stream corridor restoration. Preliminary screening applications are due on December 11, 2020, and final applications are due on March 19, 2021.

➤ **Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)**

- MORPC is working with Ice Miller to finalize the Innovative Funding Study activity and implement recommendations in the current CAP cycle where applicable.
- MORPC is preparing to solicit feedback from each county on the existing inventory of CAP projects as an initial step in the overall CAP update to be completed this fall.

➤ **Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)**

- MORPC issued a press release announcing the projects submitted for TRAC funding that are within MORPC metropolitan planning organization (MPO) area. A total of five applications were submitted. To view more information on these applications, please visit MORPC's website. MORPC staff presented the MPO area applications submitted to MORPC's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) on August 3 and August 5 respectively. MORPC is receiving comments from the public on these projects until September 11.

# Data & Mapping

Aaron Schill, Director – [aschill@morpc.org](mailto:aschill@morpc.org)

## **Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)**

The RDAC will meet on September 1 to discuss the work of the four Working Groups, the Broadband Access Pilot Program, the COVID-19 Impact Study, and other matters.

- Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit Working Group members continue their work on the Data Policy Needs Survey. The Working Group met formally on August 20 and will meet for two informal work sessions in September. The Working Group will meet again after the product of the informal work sessions has been evaluated by Working Group leadership.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Working Group met on August 17 to review the outcome of the July 22 RIDG user group meeting, to plan the fourth quarter RIDG user group meeting, and to discuss plans to develop a Steering Committee Charter. The Working Group will meet again on September 17.
- The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group continues their work via the Fiber Network Subgroup. The Working Group will meet again later in 2020.
- The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) met on August 12, with 40 attendees. The group enjoyed presentations from OGRIP, One Columbus, and OSU CURA. After presentations, attendees dispersed into breakout sessions for more in-depth discussions regarding LBRS, Data Analysis, ArcPro, and AGO. COGUG will meet again on November 18, 2020, which is National GIS Day.

## **Transportation**

- Data & Mapping staff continue to assist Transportation staff with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and other Transportation mapping and data needs.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill is assisting Transportation staff in the final steps of the update of the Attributable Funds Online Application.

## **Census**

- Data and Mapping Director Aaron Schill continues his work with Ohio Census Advocacy Coalition (OCAC) on outreach to encourage full participation in the 2020 Census, with a focus on historically “hard-to-count” populations.

## **Data and Mapping Outreach and Collaboration**

### **Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program**

- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill is working with ESCCO and PCs for People to meet with school superintendents from MORPC member counties and with prospective funding partners. To date, the funding partners are Chase, WCMH, Cardinal Health, and CAS.

### Planning & Sustainability

- Data & Mapping Staff are collaborating with Planning & Sustainability staff to produce and analyze the Central Ohio Greenways Trail Survey, Active Transportation Plan, Trail Prioritization, and Trail Counts.

### Regional Housing Strategy

- Data & Mapping staff continue to take a lead role in data collection and analysis for the Regional Housing Study.
- Data & Mapping staff and Planning & Sustainability staff are working to design a Regional Housing Strategy Hub similar to the COVID-19 Hub.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill presented at the Social Media Forum: Engagement Through the Lens of Social Media on 7/29.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill presented at the COVID-19 Community Impact - Townships, Counties and Franklin County Township Association 8/11.
- Data & Mapping Staff met with ODOT on 8/12 to discuss the Franklin County LBRS and how to go about working with DDTI for data transfer. A follow-up meeting is set for 8/24. Multiple agencies dynamically edit Franklin County LBRS data, which complicates the transfer process.

# Planning & Sustainability

Kerstin Carr, Director - [kcarr@morpc.org](mailto:kcarr@morpc.org)

## **Active Transportation Planning**

- **Active Transportation Plan:** Team members hosted the first of two stakeholder workshops for the ATP on July 30. More than 30 stakeholders from around the region attended to discuss their vision and goals for active transportation. The Active Transportation Plan Steering Committee will meet on September 1.
- **Active Transportation Committee (ATC):** The ATC will meet October 27 at 10:00 am. If any communities not currently involved with the committee would like to join the meeting, please contact Lauren Cardoni [lcardoni@morpc.org](mailto:lcardoni@morpc.org).
- **Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts:** MORPC will conduct manual bicycle and pedestrian counts this fall with the help of volunteers. Similar to this past spring, we will conduct these counts for a four-week period beginning on Sunday, August 30, thru Saturday, September 26. Please contact Andrew Love [alove@morpc.org](mailto:alove@morpc.org) for more information.

## **insight2050**

### **Technical Assistance Program (TAP):**

- Team members held an internal stakeholder workshop with Jefferson Township to develop a vision for the transportation and land use planning at the Blacklick Station site area.
- Team members and City of Hilliard staff conducted a follow-up survey with internal stakeholders for the City's Cemetery Road Conceptual Development project.
- Team members continued work on Columbus' Speed Management Framework project, conducting local and national document reviews and meeting with City staff to begin developing a framework methodology.

## **Regional Housing Strategy**

- The Regional Housing Strategy was officially rolled out on September 2. This virtual event featured a number of regional leaders highlighting their take-aways from the year-long project, along with a keynote by New York Times columnist and author Conor Dougherty.
- The final joint work session of the project sponsors and advisory board was held in August. Participants prioritized actions for year-one implementation. The results of this meeting as well as project sponsor and advisory board review and feedback were integrated into the final report and highlighted at the public roll-out event.

## **Transportation Safety**

- **Regional Safety Forum:** MORPC will host its first annual Central Ohio Transportation Safety Forum on Tuesday, September 15. You can find more information about the event and registration at [www.morpc.org/safety](http://www.morpc.org/safety), or contact Lauren Cardoni at [lcardoni@morpc.org](mailto:lcardoni@morpc.org).
- **Committee Meetings:** MORPC team members attended the Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review meeting on July 31. The meeting was held virtually after being cancelled for the last few months due to COVID-19. Potential engineering solutions were discussed for a few of the crash locations, including signal phasing changes and sidewalks.

## **Sustainable2050**

**Member Engagement:** Members are encouraged to pursue their Tier Status designation this summer. MORPC team members are available to assist with this process. Monthly member emails continue to keep Sustainable2050 members apprised of sustainability related resources and funding opportunities throughout the summer. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting will take place on September 25<sup>th</sup> via Microsoft Teams.

## **Greenways & Water Resources Program**

The COG Board met on July 15 to discussed and reviewed each of the working groups' projects.

- **Trail Development Working Group:** The Working Group is on track to complete the Trail & Active Transportation Prioritization Project by this Fall. The group also shared an initial draft of a COG Urban Greenway Design Guide, a document that will provide guidance and inspiration to partners as they plan trail projects that are co-located with existing rights of way and urban environments.
- **Marketing & Communications Working Group:** The Working Group is collaborating with the MORPC Mode-Shift Coalition on the People Who Bike campaign. The campaign, which will run in August, will focus on the diverse people who bike and the reasons they enjoy biking. The campaign will include educational resources, donation events, and educational opportunities. Additionally, through generous support from local partners, COG was able to sponsor a bike donation to a YMCA family.
- **Operations & Access Working Group:** The Working Group is exploring an opportunity to collaborate on trail and multi-use path wayfinding with COG partners.
- **Partnership Working Group:** The Working Group is on track to complete the Environmental & Health Impacts of Trails Study this fall and was recently awarded funding from the Columbus Foundation to conduct a second phase of the study that will look at economic and social equity impacts of trails. The group is also finalizing a trail funding design guide.

**Sustaining Scioto Board:** MORPC staff submitted a proposal to the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) on July 31. If OWDA approves funding for the project, the project will create a Comprehensive Water Quality Monitoring Plan for the Upper and Middle Scioto River. The Sustaining Scioto Board will meet on August 24.

In addition, the Agriculture and Rural Communities Outreach Team was recently formed from the Sustaining Scioto Board to broaden the outreach and engagement with agricultural and rural communities within the watershed in order to share best practices and collaborate on common goals. A Chair and 10 members of the Team are confirmed, and two more Team members who are not currently on the Board will be added.

## **Energy & Air Quality**

**Energy & Air Quality Working Group:** The Energy and Air Quality Working Group convened on Tuesday, July 28. The Working Group discussed how to use equity as a lens for considering future projects, policies to elevate to the Sustainability Advisory Committee, and future member recruitment.

- **Air Quality Sensor Subgroup:** Socio-economic and health data is being compiled to perform neighborhood prioritization analysis for placement of air quality sensors.
- **Solar Toolkit Subgroup:** Additional resources continue to be added to the toolkit, which is available on MORPC's website.
- **Local Government Energy Partnership (LGEP):** Participants in the Local Government Energy Partnership were informed that per contract, the MORPC Benchmarking Program will end on December 31, 2020. Participants who are interested can continue benchmarking services with



available automated utility programs, or manually via the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager. The LGEP will continue into 2021 with new opportunities for members to be announced in the coming months. The next Energy Academy session on September 9 will dive into the solar toolkit as well as energy benchmarking.

### **Sustainability Advisory Committee**

- **Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC):** The SAC met on August 19. MORPC's Senior Energy Planner presented information about SolSmart, a national designation program that recognizes local communities and regional organizations that foster the development of solar markets. The SAC voted to recommend that Commission approve MORPC's pursuit of Regional SolSmart designation. The MORPC Team also provided updates about the Summit on Sustainability and a policy report. The Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee recommended lengthening the project timeline to engage in a thoughtful and inclusive process to reflect a greater focus on equity, with the goal of completion within the first six months of 2021. There were no objections.
- **Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) Subcommittee:** The RSA subcommittee met on August 18, where they reviewed a proposal for consultant services, which would include recommendations for increasing equity considerations, workshop facilitation, and toolkit creation. The group also reviewed a Sustainable2050 member survey, which had a good response rate with useful input on member priorities.

# Communications & Engagement

Niel Jurist, Director – [njurist@morpc.org](mailto:njurist@morpc.org)

Graphic design materials were produced for Gohio Commute's People Who Bike campaign, including logo and biking passport. Design work was also completed on the Telework Guide.

Radio ads were taken out on CD 102.5 and on all Urban One Stations for the month of August to encourage individuals and families to bike this month for the People Who Bike campaign. Additionally, digital advertisements were run on Urban One online platforms and via MORPC's platforms to reach diverse audiences.

One-page info sheets were created for each project seeking TRAC funding within the MPO area to assist in the public comment period.

## **News Releases**

- [More Than \\$27 Million Available for Public Works Projects in Franklin County](#)
- [MORPC Seeks Public Input on TRAC Projects](#)
- [Franklin County Transportation Improvement District Receives Grant from ODOT](#)
- [MORPC Seeks Feedback on Regional Economic Development Strategy](#)

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## **Digital Content**

Social media and web/e-newsletter content included: TRAC Project Prioritization, Regional Transportation Safety Forum, Central Ohio Walking & Biking Survey, Brownfield Grant Program and kick-off meeting, Active Transportation Plan, Central Ohio Greenways Survey; People Who Bike Campaign, Transportation Safety, OPWC Application Period, Air Quality Alerts, LinkUs, Columbus Underground Interviews on Gohio Commute/Brownfields/insight2050 Technical Assistance Program, Smart Columbus Telework Survey, and Gohio Mobility Hub.



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Thea Ewing, Director  
Transportation & Infrastructure Development

**DATE:** August 24, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-11-20: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”

Proposed Resolution T-11-20 will add or modify twelve projects to the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling almost \$197 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In October, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of the projects, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components. Three projects include MORPC-attributable funding.

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

COTA - The following addition and modification to the TIP are being made for COTA projects:

- PID 112184 – Add \$10,000,000 of Section 5307 funds in SFY 2021 for the Fields Avenue Renovation project.
- PID 113728 - Add \$2,050,000 OTP2 award for COTA in SFY 2021

Delaware County Transit - The following addition to the TIP is being made for a Delaware County Transit project:

- PID 113728 - Add \$848,711 OTP2 award for DCTB in SFY 2021

Dublin - The following addition to the TIP is being made for a Dublin project:

- PID 111158 – Add \$250,000 ODOT Jobs and Commerce grant award in SFY 2021 for the University Boulevard project in the City of Dublin. This amendment additionally includes listing of the local funding commitment to the project.

ODOT, District 6: The following additions and modifications to the TIP are being made for ODOT projects:

- PID 77372 – Add \$370,000 in SFY 2021 for PE Environmental phase of the I-70/I-71 Innerbelt Phase 4A. This project includes MORPC funding in the construction phase, but there is no change to the MORPC funding.
- PID 88035 - Add \$500,000 in SFY 2024 for ROW Utility Reimbursement phase of the I-70/I-71 Innerbelt Phase 5.
- PID 90200 – Add \$4,200,000 in SFY 2021 for PE Detailed Design phase of the I-71 at Sunbury Parkway study.
- PID 93497 – Add \$325,000 in SFY 2021 for PE Environmental phase of the I-71 from Stringtown Road to SR-315 project.
- PID 95639 – Add \$1,500,000 in SFY 2021 for ROW phase of the Far East Freeway, Phase 1A
- PID 110587 – Add \$15,183 in SFY 2021 for PE Environmental phase of the Cleveland Avenue at Hudson Street intersection improvements project and list this project individually in the TIP.
- PID 112768 – Add \$1,000,000 in SFY 2021 for Phase 1 of the US 23 Corridor Study exploring a continuous freeway connection between Toledo and Columbus focusing on the areas between Marion and Columbus. This project includes \$250,000 of MORPC funding towards this study.

Whitehall - The following modification to the TIP is being made to a Whitehall project:

- PID 105768 – Add \$97,175 in SFY 2021 for PE Detailed Design phase of the E Broad St at S Hamilton Road intersection improvements project. This project includes MORPC funding in the construction phase, but there is no change to the MORPC funding.

NTG:TG

Attachments:

- Proposed Resolution T-11-20

## **RESOLUTION T-11-20**

### **“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-7-20; and

WHEREAS, two project additions or modifications to the 2021-2024 TIP have been identified as needed for COTA projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project addition to the 2021-2024 TIP has been identified as needed for Delaware County Transit projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project addition to the 2021-2024 TIP has been identified as needed for Dublin projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, seven project additions or modifications to the 2021-2024 TIP have been identified as needed for Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2021-2024 TIP has been identified as needed for Whitehall projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the projects are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting August 31, 2020, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 2, 2020, 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 the MORPC SFY 2021-2024 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.
- Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP is maintained.
- Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as the projects are exempt from conformity requirements or have been included in the most recent air quality conformity approval.
- Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP as modified.

Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.

Section 6. 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.

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Karen Angelou, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2021-2024 TIP

# Resolution T-11-20

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**Agency:** COTA

**PID:** 112184

**TIP ID:** 3754

**MTP ID:** 142

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-COTA Fields Ave Renov & CNG Conv-

**Length (mi.):**

**Project Type(s):** Transit Activity

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** COTA Fields Ave Renov & CNG Conv, Transit Activity, Fields Ave Renovation & CNG Conversion. Rehab / Renovation - Admin / Maint Facility

**Bike Components:** Not applicable.

**Ped Components:** Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	Other	Sec 5307	\$10,000,000
2021	Other	Sec 5339	\$2,132,319
2021	Other	Local-Transit	\$9,250,681
2022	Other	Local-Transit	\$250,000
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$21,633,000</b>

**Agency:** COTA

**PID:** 113728

**TIP ID:** 3819

**MTP ID:** 5

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-FY21 COTA OTP2-

**Length (mi.):**

**Project Type(s):** Transit Activity

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** FY21 COTA OTP2, Transit Activity, Cashless and Contactless Payment Systems and Real-Time Displays, Contiguous County Connection

**Bike Components:** Not applicable.

**Ped Components:** Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	Other	State Transit	\$2,050,000
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$2,050,000</b>

**Agency:** DCTB

**PID:** 113728

**TIP ID:** 3820

**MTP ID:** 200/ 142

**Co-Route-Sec:** DEL-FY21 Delaware County Transit Board OT **Length (mi.):**

**Project Type(s):** Transit Activity

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** FY21 Delaware County Transit Board OTP2, Transit Activity, Operating Assistance, Expansion Vehicles (2)

**Bike Components:** Not applicable.

**Ped Components:** Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	Other	State Transit	\$848,711
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$848,711</b>

Funds in FYs prior to 2021 are not included in this report nor in the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

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# Resolution T-11-20

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**Agency:** Dublin

**PID:** 111158

**TIP ID:** 3817

**MTP ID:** 440

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-University Boulevard-Shier Rings Road **Length (mi.):**

**Project Type(s):** New Roadway

**Air Quality:** System Analyzed

**Description:** University Boulevard from Shier Rings Road to Eitermann Road, New Roadway, 4 lanes, Extension of Innovation Campus Way west. \$250,000 J&C funds will be contributed to the project

**Bike Components:** Multi-use path.

**Ped Components:** Sidewalk on 1 side, multi-use path on 1 side.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	Construction	State	\$250,000
2021	Construction	Local	\$20,600,000
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$20,850,000</b>

**Agency:** ODOT 6

**PID:** 110587

**TIP ID:** 3669

**MTP ID:** 185

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-003-19.38 **Length (mi.):**

**Project Type(s):** Intersection Modification

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** SR 3 (Cleveland Ave) at Hudson St, Intersection Modification, Intersection improvement to increase safety and reduce congestion at the intersection of SR 3 (Cleveland Ave.) and Hudson St.

**Bike Components:** No information provided.

**Ped Components:** No information provided.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	PE-Environmental Study	State	\$15,183
2022	Construction	State	\$5,000
2022	Construction	Federal	\$45,000
2022	Construction	State	\$50,000
2022	Construction	HSIP	\$450,000
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$565,183</b>

**Agency:** ODOT 6

**PID:** 112768

**TIP ID:** 3818

**MTP ID:** 144

**Co-Route-Sec:** D06-US 23- **Length (mi.):**

**Project Type(s):** Corridor Study

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** US 23, Corridor Study, This project will study the feasibility of creating a continuous freeway connection between Toledo and Columbus. Phase 1 of the study will specifically focus on the area between Marion and Columbus.

**Bike Components:** Not applicable.

**Ped Components:** Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	Other	STBG-T	\$250,000
2021	Other	SPR	\$400,000
2021	Other	SPR-S	\$100,000
2021	Other	STBG-M	\$250,000
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**MORPC Funds**

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# Resolution T-11-20

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**Agency:** ODOT 6

**PID:** 77372

**TIP ID:** 1333

**MTP ID:** 270/ 189

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-IR070-12.68 (Proj 4A)

**Length (mi.):** 2.15

**Project Type(s):** Major Widening/Interchange Modification

**Air Quality:** System Analyzed

**Description:** I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 4A), Major Widening & Interchange Modification, Interchange Reconfiguration Project. EB I-70 realignment from I-71/SR-315 accessing downtown Columbus. Includes work on Mound, Fulton, Front, and High. 5 bridge replacements and

**Bike Components:** Bicycle lanes. New bike lanes westbound on Fulton from High to Front and eastbound on Livingston from Front to High. 0.2 mi. added to bike network.

**Ped Components:** Modify existing facilities. Add/replace sidewalks on the block comprising Fulton, High, Livingston and Front. Ped signals and crosswalks at signalized intersections.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount	
2021	PE-Environmental Study	State	\$370,000	
2023	Construction	State	\$4,861,949	
2023	Construction	Federal	\$43,757,539	
2023	Construction	STBG-M	\$4,855,908	<b>MORPC Funds</b>
2023	Construction	Local	\$1,213,977	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$55,059,373</b>	

**Agency:** ODOT 6

**PID:** 88035

**TIP ID:** 2452

**MTP ID:** 271

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-IR070-15.29 (Proj 5)

**Length (mi.):** 1.26

**Project Type(s):** Major Widening/Bridge Reconstruction

**Air Quality:** System Analyzed

**Description:** I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 5) from just east of 18th Ave to just east of Fairwood Ave, Major Widening & Bridge Reconstruction, Reconstruct I-70 including overhead structures in accordance with the Columbus Crossroads study and environmental assessment. Te

**Bike Components:** Bicycle lanes.

**Ped Components:** Modify existing facilities.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount	
2024	Right-of-Way	State	\$50,000	
2024	Right-of-Way	Federal	\$450,000	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$500,000</b>	

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# Resolution T-11-20

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**Agency:** ODOT 6

**PID:** 90200

**TIP ID:** 2427

**MTP ID:** 384/ 325

**Co-Route-Sec:** DEL-IR071-07.91

**Length (mi.):**

**Project Type(s):** New Interchange/Study

**Air Quality:** System Analyzed

**Description:** I-71 at Sunbury Pkwy, New Interchange & Study, Preliminary studies and engineering for a preferred alternative concept in the vicinity of the existing I-71 and US 36/SR 37 Interchange in Delaware County to determine future interchange and road improvement

**Bike Components:** Multi-use path.

**Ped Components:** Sidewalk on 1 side, multi-use path on 1 side.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	PE-Detailed Design	Local	\$4,200,000
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$4,200,000</b>

**Agency:** ODOT 6

**PID:** 93497

**TIP ID:** 2752

**MTP ID:** 374

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-IR071-09.74

**Length (mi.):** 5.24

**Project Type(s):** Preliminary Engineering/Major Widening

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** I-71 from Stringtown Rd to SR-315, Preliminary Engineering & Major Widening, Design only - construction under PID 104779. Add a third/fourth lane in each direction for maintenance of traffic during construction; added pavement will remain. Re-deck and re

**Bike Components:** Other. Plan to accommodate future shared-use paths along Frank Rd and Greenlawn Ave under I-71.

**Ped Components:** Other. Plan to accommodate future shared-use paths along Frank Rd and Greenlawn Ave under I-71.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	PE-Environmental Study	State	\$325,000
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$325,000</b>

**Agency:** ODOT 6

**PID:** 95639

**TIP ID:** 2877

**MTP ID:** 135

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-IR070-22.61 (FEF-1A)

**Length (mi.):** 3.4

**Project Type(s):** Interchange Modification

**Air Quality:** System Analyzed

**Description:** I-70 at I-270 (East Outerbelt), Interchange Modification, New directional ramp from SB I-270 to EB I-70, reconfigure ramps from NB I-270 to EB I-70 to Brice Road. Add collector-distributor lane EB from I-270 to Brice Road. First construction project from

**Bike Components:** None. Bicycles prohibited.

**Ped Components:** None. Pedestrians prohibited.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	Right-of-Way	State	\$1,500,000
2022	Construction	State	\$7,990,000
2022	Construction	Federal	\$71,910,000
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$81,400,000</b>

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# Resolution T-11-20

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**Agency:** Whitehall

**PID:** 105768

**TIP ID:** 3253

**MTP ID:** 185

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-SR016-06.87

**Length (mi.):** 0.44

**Project Type(s):** Intersection Modification

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** *E Broad St at Hamilton Rd, Intersection Modification, Proposed:*

*EB Broad: 2 thru, 1 LTL, 1 continuous RTL*

*WB Broad: 1 thru, 1 LTL, 1 thru/RT lane*

*NB Hamilton: 2 thru, 2 LTL, 1 RTL*

*SB Hamilton: 2 thru, 2 LTL, 1 RTL*

*Includes medians on all 4 approaches*

**Bike Components:** Multi-use path. 0.44 mi. added to bike network.

**Ped Components:** Modify existing facilities.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount	
2021	PE-Detailed Design	State	\$97,175	
2022	Right-of-Way	CMAQ-M	\$1,322,400	<b>MORPC Funds</b>
2022	Right-of-Way	Local	\$330,600	
2023	Construction	CMAQ-M	\$5,055,577	<b>MORPC Funds</b>
2023	Construction	Local	\$1,263,894	
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,069,646</b>	

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# Resolution T-11-20

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

### Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
CMAQ-M	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement, Attributable to MORPC	\$6,377,977
Federal	Labor - Internal	\$45,000
Federal	Major/New Program - Federal	\$72,360,000
Federal	Multi-Lane Major Rehab	\$43,757,539
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$450,000
Local	Local Public Agency	\$27,608,471
Local-Transit	Local Public Transit Authority	\$9,500,681
Sec 5307	Transit Formula Block Grants	\$10,000,000
Sec 5339	Transit Bus and Bus Facilities	\$2,132,319
SPR	State Planning and Research, Federal Source	\$400,000
SPR-S	State Planning and Research, State Source	\$100,000
State	Labor - Internal	\$5,000
State	Major/New Program - State	\$9,540,000
State	Multi-Lane Major Rehab	\$5,556,949
State	State Jobs & Commerce Funds	\$250,000
State	State Safety	\$162,358
State Transit	State Transit Funds	\$2,898,711
STBG-M	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to MORPC	\$5,105,908
STBG-T	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to TMACOG	\$250,000
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$196,500,913</b>

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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:** Thea J. Ewing, Director of Transportation & Infrastructure  
Development

**DATE:** August 24, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-12-20: "**ACCEPTING THE PWP  
COMPLETION REPORT FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020**"

Annually, MORPC is required to submit a report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) describing the work completed with federal planning funds provided to continue the metropolitan transportation planning process, as defined by the FAST Act.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020, the use of these funds was outlined in the SFY 2020 Planning Work Program (PWP) adopted by Resolution T-4-19 and amended by resolution T-3-20. The PWP serves as the scope of work, the schedule, and the budget for the federally funded planning activities.

The PWP included such activities as preparing the SFY 21-24 TIP, continued delivery of projects using MORPC-attributable funds, follow up of the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), completion of the 2020-2050 MTP, assistance on freeway and arterial studies, support for safety and operations and management of the transportation system, and support for transit, bike and pedestrian planning. The SFY 2020 PWP also included the continuation of ridesharing/demand reduction and air quality awareness activities, including the commuter challenge to reduce single-occupancy vehicle use and launching the mobility management program at MORPC. As part of this scope of work, MORPC also maintained the Public Involvement Plan, completed the selection process for FTA Section 5310 funding, continued the Regional Data Advisory Committee, continued outreach and developed resources related to insight2050, including the technical assistance program, continued the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative and other projects and activities that have been presented to you over the state fiscal year.

A summary of the PWP activities is included as an attachment to the resolution. A full report is available upon request. Resolution T-12-20 approves the completion report and requires that it is forwarded to ODOT.

Attachment: Resolution T-12-20

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

**Karen J. Angelou**  
*Chair*

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

**Chris Amorose Grooms**  
*Secretary*

RESOLUTION T-12-20

**“ACCEPTING THE PWP COMPLETION REPORT FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020”**

WHEREAS, it is the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to help encourage, facilitate and provide a forum for regional, cooperative transportation planning and decision-making; 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 done each state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee adopted the SFY 2020 Planning Work Program (PWP) by Resolution T-4-19 and amended it by resolution T-3-20; and

WHEREAS, the activities described in the PWP have been completed or carried over into SFY 2021 and reported in the PWP Completion Report, a summary of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, major products of the PWP have been presented previously; and

WHEREAS, these products include the core work with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the continued delivery of projects using MORPC-attributable funds, as well as the freeway and arterial studies, local traffic forecasting and continuing updates to the travel demand model, maintaining data to support modeling and planning needs, support for transit planning and ODOT planning studies, ITS, ridesharing/demand reduction, bike and pedestrian planning, safety planning and air quality awareness; and

WHEREAS, ODOT requires approval of this PWP Completion Report by the Transportation Policy Committee as the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its August 31, 2020 meeting, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its September 2, 2020 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 the Transportation Policy Committee approves the PWP Completion Report for SFY 2020.
- Section 2. That this resolution and the PWP Completion Report be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Transportation for appropriate action.
- Section 3. 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.

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Karen J. Angelou, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff  
Attachment: Summary of Completion Report for the SFY 2020 Planning Work Program

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## SUMMARY

# FISCAL YEAR 2020 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM-COMPLETION

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## I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

**Total Budget \$2,899,762**

**Balance Remaining for SFY 2021 or later is \$1,290**

### WORK ELEMENT      REPORT SUMMARY FUNDING SUMMARY

#### 60110-1000

#### Active Transportation Planning

Budget      \$420,000

MORPC continued to assist local governments with Complete Streets projects and Complete Streets policy development and reviewed transportation projects for Complete Streets compliance. MORPC also assisted local governments with their active transportation planning and projects. Team members worked with MetroParks, Columbus, and other partners to conduct its annual trail counts as well as the bi-annual non-motorized traffic counts along selected street segments. Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board accomplished many items set out in its 5-year strategic plan, including obtaining funding for the Trails Impact Study and commencing development of the Trails Prioritization project.. Team members also commenced the update of the Regional Active Transportation Plan.

Spent 6/30      \$415,192

#### 60120-3000

#### Management & Operations Planning

Budget      \$175,000

Meetings of the Central Ohio ITS committee were held in July, October, January and April (vital meeting due to Covid-19). Project updates were provided at each meeting. Smart Columbus project updates were also provided. MORPC continued to participate in several Columbus committees and work groups for the Smart Columbus projects as well as the US 33 Smart Mobility Corridor.

Spent 6/30      \$170,854

MORPC continued to engage in the OARC freight transportation working group over FY 2020. MORPC organized several conference calls/meetings for the OARC Freight Working Group. MORPC attended events organized by the Columbus Region Logistics Council, the Mid-Ohio Development Exchange (MODE), and other Chamber of Commerce and Columbus2020 events related to freight and logistics in Central Ohio. MORPC had started planning for the Freight Conference to be held in Columbus in summer of 2020 before being cancelled due to Covid-19.

#### 60130-1000

#### Safety Planning

Budget      \$125,000

MORPC continues to be the OARC representative on statewide and regional safety committees, such as the Transportation Records Coordination Committee, the Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee, and Safe Communities, including the Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review Board. The team was actively involved in local safety initiatives and assisted other departments and agencies with project evaluation based on crash data. Also see 66555-1000.

Spent 6/30      \$119,767

#### 60150-3000

#### Transit and Human Services Planning

Budget      \$75,000

MORPC facilitated COTA/DCT/LCT/LCATS/MORPCTransit Coordination quarterly meetings. These meetings covered communications, public information, mobility management, service and capital planning with each agency. This year MORPC added Licking County Transit Board and Licking County Area Transit Study.

Spent 6/30      \$97,873

In cooperation with COTA, DCT & LCT MORPC administered the apportionment of FFY 2020 Section 5307, 5340 and 5339 funding within the Columbus UZA Split Letter.

MORPC participated in discussions with local employers and governments that have limited access to transit. MORPC worked with COTA to implement new First/Last mile service to launch in Grove City in the summer of 2019. MORPC assisted COTA on a Mainstream on Demand pilot.

**60200-3000**

Budget \$275,000

Spent 6/30 \$280,084

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation**

Five amendments to the FY 2018-2021 TIP requested by ODOT and local agencies were prepared, processed and approved. The FY-21-24 TIP was completed and adopted in May. This included first draft to ODOT in February, with final draft and public involvement in April. Due to Covid-19 public a virtual public involvement meeting was held on March 30th.

MORPC approved Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds following several meetings of the Attributable Funds Committee and a formal public comment period. MORPC solicited applications for funding in late May with a virtual workwhop held on June 3rd. Updated previous commitments are due July 10th and applications for new funding on July 17th.

Federally funded projects were coordinated with local agencies, ODOT and the Ohio Public Works Commission. ODOT District staff scheduled quarterly meetings with local sponsoring agencies, their consultants, and MORPC staff. Monthly reports on the status of the MORPC-attributable projects were provided to the TAC. MORPC, COTA, DATABus and ODOT Transit met quarterly to stay on top of transit-specific TIP issues.

For SFY 2020, approximately \$44 million of attributable funds were encumbered for use on transportation projects and programs in the region.

TRAC - MORPC successfully completed another round of the TRAC project prioritization in fall of 2019. A total of 8 applications were submitted for funding within MORPC's metropolitan transportation area. ODOT announced in May 2020 that TRAC would be taking applications for funding in 2019. The application period opened in mid June.

***^ Project continues beyond SFY 2020***



**60510-2000**  
Budget \$445,000  
Spent 6/30 \$435,615

### **Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data**

MORPC updates base GIS files and other transportation and planning datasets from state, federal, and local sources on a quarterly, annual, or as needed basis. MORPC maintains an open data site (accessible at [www.morpc.org/data](http://www.morpc.org/data)) to make GIS and other data files available for download. To make data accessible to nontechnical audiences and those without GIS capabilities, much of MORPC's data is also available for viewing through interactive maps on the open data site.

During FY 2020, MORPC completed work on the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Within the larger planning documents is included a summary of existing and projected population, employment, and land use, and forecasts of socio-economic factors that influence commuting patterns. Also included in the MTP is an appendix that details the methodology used to produce these forecasts, much of which was newly developed for this version of the MTP.

Throughout FY2020, MORPC continued making improvements to the quality and accessibility of key datasets such as local land use data and building permits from local jurisdictions. Many new datasets were also collected or created in support of new planning work undertaken over the course of the past fiscal year. Most notably, MORPC is leading a Regional Housing Strategy (RHS), which looks comprehensively at the supply, demand, and affordability of housing in the region, as well as the proximity of affordable housing to employment and other key destinations. MORPC is creating a new online resource, which will make the data and analyses produced during the RHS readily available and usable for a range of audiences, from technical data users to policymakers to interested residents.

During the last quarter of FY2020, significant attention shifted to collecting and sharing data related to COVID-19 and the associated impacts. MORPC developed a COVID-19 resource hub with data and links specific to Central Ohio and targeted primarily toward the needs of local governments.

MORPC's Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) continues to meet on a quarterly basis, and advises staff and Commission on MORPC's role as a leader in regional data efforts. In FY2020, RDAC working groups continued work on four previously prioritized efforts from the Regional Data Agenda:

1. Creation of a Regional Data Users Group - launched in fall of 2019 as the Regional Information and Data Group (RIDG)
2. Partnership with the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis at Ohio State to develop a sustainability dashboard - in beta testing and scheduled for launch in fall 2020
3. Survey and toolkit to address local government data policy needs - survey under development
4. Mapping and development of a strategy for a regional municipal fiber-optic network - ongoing coordination among participating communities

In addition to launching RIDG, MORPC continues to host two data- and mapping-focused user groups. The Central Ohio GIS User Group consists of public sector GIS officials from throughout Central Ohio, while COSMOS consists of IT directors from several Central Ohio jurisdictions.

MORPC continues to monitor and maintain the Franklin County LBRS. Road centerlines, address points, bikeways and sidewalk mapping files are structured so local communities can jointly edit a common GIS file.

MORPC's work on the 2020 Census continued through FY2020 as well. This included finalizing census tract and block group updates through the Census Participant Statistical Areas Program, and chairing the Local Government Subcommittee of the Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee.

***^ Project continues beyond SFY 2020***

**60520-2000**

Budget \$400,000

Spent 6/30 \$390,550

**Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs**

In FY2020, MORPC completed all data analyses necessary for the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This included finalizing the new methods changes of projecting population, employment, and development for the region. Significant effort was also made to document these processes to allow for replication and refinement in the future. The methodology is outlined in the MTP, as well as in a series of data visualizations and key takeaways that are intended to help various audiences understand and interpret the data.

For the Gohio Commute program, MORPC performs cluster and hotspot analyses to identify potential mode shift opportunities for employers considering participation in the program.

As part of the Regional Housing Strategy that MORPC is leading, several new Census tract-level data analyses were developed to inform that project. A housing submarket typology analysis groups tracts across the region by similar housing characteristics, and a displacement risk analysis identifies areas of changing market conditions and demographics, which are prone to gentrification and displacement.

**60550-3000**

Budget \$270,000

Spent 6/30 \$269,991

**Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications**

The newly developed 3C regional travel demand model has been adopted and applied for various studies and planning activities. Air quality analysis was conducted for projects requesting CMAQ eligibility. Staff continued using travel time data from INRIX/NPMRDS to produce measures for various studies. The origin-destination (O-D) data available from ODOT's subscription to Streetlight Insight and produce meaningful measures for several studies. The 3C model was used to develop evaluation data for all of the candidate projects for the 2020-2050 MTP.

Staff continued working closely with the consultant, ODOT and other MPOs on the improvements of the 3C regional travel demand model. Staff continued conducting test runs of the 3C model on MORPC's server and worked diligently with the consultant to refine/improve the 3C model. Staff continued working with ODOT and the consultants to support the Marysville CAV Simulation project by running the 3C models.

Air quality conformity analysis and environmental justice analysis was completed for the FY 2020-2050 MTP and the 21-24 TIP.

**61010-3000**

Budget \$290,000

Spent 6/30 \$291,535

**Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning**

Identification of candidate projects for the 2020-2050 MTP concluded in summer of 2019. More than 1,000 candidate projects, collected from local plans and through public input, were evaluated for inclusion in the MTP. Additionally, strategies were drafted, projects selected, and the full plan document was developed. Approximately 60 presentations were given to local jurisdictions and community groups throughout the region. An open house was held in February. The MTP was adopted in May 2020 with approval of the conformity determination received from FHWA in June.

Staff followed and participated in various ODOT planning activities, including progress on the innerbelt projects, I-70 east freeway activities, the Union County US 33 study, the US 33 and Pickerington Road area interchange, US 33 southeast study, and Toledo to Columbus freeway study. MORPC continued discussions including regular conference calls with communities along the Columbus to Chicago passenger rail corridor in conjunction with the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) work elements.

***^ Project continues beyond SFY 2020***

**61020-0400**

Budget \$119,762

Spent 6/30 \$121,201

**Transportation Public Involvement**

Nine meetings of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and 10 meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) took place. All transportation-related topics included elsewhere in the PWP report were presented. The committees reviewed and passed 15 transportation-related resolutions over the year.

Printed materials, press releases, and digital content (social media and electronic newsletters) were regularly used to solicit public participation and involvement on transportation-related activities. Topics included were: Metropolitan Transportation Plan; Transportation Improvement Program; MORPC-attributable Funding; Central Ohio Transit Authority/Delaware County Transit Updates; Air Quality; TRAC Projects and Prioritization; Gohio Commute; Mobility Innovation Tests; Commuter Challenge; 2020 PWP Completion Report; 2021 PWP; Downtown C-pass; Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan; Population Estimates, Complete Streets; Smart Streets Policy; Section 5310 Funding; Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (hyperloop and passenger rail); insight2050 Corridor Concepts; insight2050 Technical Assistance Program, MORPC-attributable Funding; Safety; Bike & Pedestrian Counts; and Paving the Way.

**62510-1000**

Budget \$200,000

Spent 6/30 \$200,078

**Planning Coordination and Support**

MORPC met regularly with its member communities to receive planning updates and to provide assistance and coordination for some of their projects. Four times a year, MORPC held regional collaboration meetings, and at least monthly, MORPC provided educational transportation workshops and forums.

**69710-3000**

Budget \$105,000

Spent 6/30 \$105,734

**Program Administration**

Ten meetings of the MPO transportation committees (CAC, TAC & Policy) were conducted. The 2019 PWP completion report was prepared as well as the 2021 PWP. Work continued on updating MPO member agreements.

***^ Project continues beyond SFY 2020***

## II. Special Studies

**Total Budget \$1,906,299**

**Balance Remaining for SFY 2021 or later is \$238,597**

### **WORK ELEMENT      REPORT SUMMARY** **FUNDING SUMMARY**

<b>66528-3000</b>		<b>Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) – Environmental Components</b>
Budget	\$536,000	The Tier I EIS Components study was completed by the consultant, WSP, in late 2019. Public meetings were held over the months of October and November to share the preliminary findings of this study, as well as the Hyperloop Feasibility Study. The final deliverables included four documents:
Spent 6/30	\$536,000	1. Existing conditions report - which includes the analysis of several different transportation data sets to demonstrate, with metrics, how people mobilize between key communities within the Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh corridor. 2. Route alternatives analysis report - which includes a screening analysis of all potential rail routes across the corridor. This includes assessing data on current freight train volumes, speeds, and track conditions. The report identified the top alternatives for a future passenger rail route. 3. Draft Purpose & Need Statement for Passenger Rail - This is a document that will guide and be informed by the entire Tier I EIS approval process. 4. Draft Purpose & Need Statement for Hyperloop - Intended to assist in developing a federal environmental approval process as a regulatory framework for hyperloop is developed.
<b>66538-3000</b>		<b>Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) - Feasibility</b>
Budget	\$300,000	The Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh "Midwest Connect" Hyperloop Feasibility Study was completed by the consultant AECOM in late 2019. The final documentation of the study is available on MORPC's RSTI website. The study found that a hyperloop route is technically feasible between the three cities at average speeds greater than 500 miles per hour. The study also estimated that direct transportation benefits (emissions savings, time savings, etc) resulting from the project would be in the vicinity of \$19 billion, with broader economic benefits estimated at \$300 billion across the entire corridor.
Spent 6/30	\$299,976	
<b>66540-0400</b>		<b>Paving The Way SFY20</b>
Budget	\$150,000	Development of the upgraded Paving the Way system was completed and the system launched publicly during FY2020. It is currently in use by communities throughout Central Ohio, which represents a significant expansion beyond the prior system.
100% STBG using toll credit		MORPC hosted several training sessions for local government staff, as well as their consultants and contractors, all of whom are now able to maintain project information directly in the system. MORPC continues to function as the site administrator and provide support for users.
Spent 6/30	\$150,000	
<b>66558-1000</b>		<b>Technical Assistance Program</b>
Budget	\$200,000	Staff initiated Technical Assistance Program projects in the cities of Columbus, Hilliard, and Westerville as well as for Franklin County and Jefferson Township. All projects are anticipated to be completed by Q12021.
Spent 6/30	\$200,000	

**^ Project continues beyond SFY 2020**

**66560-3000**

Budget \$350,000

100% MORPC STBG using toll credit

Spent 6/30 \$350,000

**Supplemental Planning SFY20**

- 1) See 60210-3000 for activities related to the TIP and project expedition.
- 2) MORPC's traffic count consultant collected counts throughout the region. These traffic counts and others collected by various entities were processed into the MORPC online database system.
- 3) As described in 60510-2000, MORPC maintains an open data portal in order to provide direct access to a wide range of datasets that MORPC creates or maintains. The data and tools provided through the site are continually updated and improved-upon.
- 4) MORPC Data & Mapping staff responded to 126 tickets submitted for data & mapping support services on behalf of members during FY2020. Additionally, MORPC staff responds to numerous ad-hoc requests and supports member governments on larger planning projects.
- 5) Traffic forecasts for improved routes between US 33 and I-70 were completed in a technical memo.
- 6) See 66538-3000
- 7) Staff continued to work with the Sustainability Advisory Committee to ensure its goals were and goal updates are incorporated in the MTP.

**67410-3000**

Budget \$108,597 ^

100% FTA 5310 Administration  
10% of Apportionment

Spent 6/30 \$0

**5310 Designated Recipient-2020**

See 67419-3000 for 5310 designated recipient activities.

**67419-3000**

Budget \$106,702

100% FTA 5310 Administration  
10% of Apportionment

Spent 6/30 \$106,702

**5310 Designated Recipient-2019**

MORPC administered contracts after execution in TrAMS with subrecipients receiving 5310 funding from past apportionments to the Columbus, Ohio UZA according to MORPC's Program Management Plan (PMP). The following FTA Grant Agreements were administered:

MORPC administered a cycle of FTA Section 5310 funding using FFY 2019 and 2020 funds.

Staff has monitored and participated in efforts to address goals and strategies of the 2018-2021 Coordinated Plan

**67420-3000**

Budget \$130,000 ^

80% FTA 5310, 20% local

Spent 6/30 \$0

**Mobility Management 2020**

This work element added was added late in the fiscal year and no money was expended during FY20.

**90103-9004**

Budget \$25,000

Funding amount is ODOT contribution only

Spent 6/30 \$25,000

**America Walks Conference**

Team Members coordinated a one day national conference that presented best practices and innovative infrastructure and policy in relation to pedestrian travel. The conference hosted approximately 50 attendees from around the State of Ohio.

**^ Project continues beyond SFY 2020**

### III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

**Total Budget \$1,365,000**

#### **WORK ELEMENT      REPORT SUMMARY** **FUNDING SUMMARY**

##### **66710-3000**

Budget      \$800,000

100% MORPC CMAQ

Spent 6/30      \$800,000

##### **Transportation Services (Ridesharing) SFY20**

Gohio Commute continued to promote vanpool and carpool services in addition to other modes such as biking, walking and riding transit. The program sponsors and develops program services based on the needs of the individual commuter, employer, job-ready/training programs, colleges/universities, non-profits and communities throughout the region. MORPC is leveraging relationships with other TDM partners to encourage modal shift, generating more of a streamlined and coordinated message to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips.

MORPC prepared the 2020-2021 Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan and monitored initiatives in the 2018-2019 plan with an emphasis on shifting cultural SOV preferences, performance based programming, collaborative champions, and TDM policy integration.

Related to MORPC's TDM Strategic Plan, MORPC and other Ohio rideshare agencies are using an interactive ridesharing platform that can be used by each rideshare agency in the state. OARC is using RideAmigos to provide rideshare, TDM and air quality platform with consistent brand (Gohio Commute) for ridesharing across the state. Gohio Commute has been in use since May 2017.

Due to COVID-19 MORPC's Air Quality and Gohio Commute did not hold a Central Ohio Commuter Challenge campaign.

##### **66730-1000**

Budget      \$565,000

100% MORPC CMAQ

Spent 6/30      \$565,000

##### **Air Quality Awareness**

MORPC maintained its daily air quality forecasting program and coordinated digitally focused marketing to educate the public about air quality. The team continued to partner with Gohio to encourage changes in commuter behavior. MORPC engaged local mobility partners in planning for Air Quality Awareness Week through the Central Ohio Mode Shift Coalition to create marketing content celebrating the role of smart mobility choices in improving air quality. MORPC convened bi-monthly Energy and Air Quality Working Group meetings to share best practices and formed subcommittees focused on low-cost air quality monitoring strategies and the creation of the Central Ohio Solar Toolkit for Local Governments.

During the COVID-19 shut down, MORPC deployed five agile air quality monitors strategically placed within and surrounding the downtown area, and provided analysis of air quality and greenhouse gas emissions impacted by reduced traffic volumes. Staff implemented the Local Government Energy Partnership with at least 11 local governments enrolled. As of the end of 2019, 77% of buildings enrolled in the program showed an improvement in energy consumption. MORPC also participated in planning efforts to shape the future direction of the Smart Columbus program, and provided technical assistance to its members for projects around EV infrastructure and greenhouse gas emissions.

***^ Project continues beyond SFY 2020***

## IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget \$0

### WORK ELEMENT      REPORT SUMMARY FUNDING SUMMARY

#### 66505-3000

Budget      \$0  
No funding  
Spent 6/30    \$0

#### Ongoing Local Planning

MORPC regularly monitors local planning activities. A current library of new plans is maintained on the website under the Studies and Plans section. MORPC staff regularly participates in planning efforts of local communities.

The CAP initiative is a partnership between MORPC and One Columbus, to advance strategic infrastructure projects across Central Ohio by developing a vetted list of regional infrastructure project priorities. During the past fiscal year, MORPC continued to advocate and assist in finding funding for CAP projects. A CAP Innovative Funding Strategies Development Activity was mostly completed to help advance CAP projects by developing new, innovative, and/or private funding strategies for project development.

The Franklin County Transportation Improvements District (TID), a potential tool for advancing transportation projects, continued with a few projects receiving ODOT funding as a result.

#### 67401-3000

Budget      \$0  
No funding  
Spent 6/30    \$0

#### Ongoing COTA Activities

COTA generally makes service changes three times a year - the first Monday of every January, May and September. Public information, review and comment take place before each service change. However, beginning in March 2020, COTA made significant changes to their service in response to Covid-19 including charging no fares. COTA updated their service on a near weekly occurrence throughout the remainder of FY 20.

The 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program was maintained as needed, including public involvement requirements for FTA Section 5307. COTA submitted grant requests to FTA. MORPC worked with COTA to develop the 2021-2024 TIP.

MORPC, COTA, GREAT and New Albany SmartRide continue to work together to promote, track ridership and adjust routes for the first and last mile shuttle. MORPC joined COTA in conversations with employers and local governments working on Mobility Plans. COTA worked with Dublin and Share for workforce development transportation and Grove City and Westerville on an on demand microtransit first mile last mile service for connections to jobs and health care. COTA continues Mainstream on Demand Pilot to provide non-ADA trips to eligible Mainstream paratransit riders.

Continued to partner with COTA and the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District (SID) to maintain the member management system, for the Downtown C-pass pilot.

#### 67402-3000

Budget      \$0  
No funding  
Spent 6/30    \$0

#### Ongoing DCT Activities

DCT continues to evolve from the 2010 Columbus UZA boundary change. Topics included the FTA funding transition from rural Section 5311 to urban Section 5307, state funding changes and local match needs for capital and operating and other FTA funding sources.

The 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program was amended as needed, including public involvement requirements for FTA Section 5307. MORPC worked with DCT to develop the 2021-2024 TIP.

Beginning in March 2020, DCT made significant changes to their service in response to Covid-19.

**^ Project continues beyond SFY 2020**