NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Scioto Conference Room

Monday, February 3, 2020
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

I.   **5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions** – Catherine Girves**,** Chair

II.   **5:35 p.m. Approval of November 4, Meeting Minutes** (enclosed)

III.   **5:40 p.m. Community Engagement Discussion –** Thea J Walsh, MORPC &
     Niel Jurist, MORPC

IV.   **5:50 p.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) – Thea Walsh, MORPC
- Monthly Report – Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC
- COTA Update   – Thea Walsh, MORPC

V.   **6:05 p.m. Funding Programs**
- **Proposed Resolutions T-01-2020 –** Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures'Targets –Maria Schaper, MORPC

VI.   **6:15 p.m. 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**
- MTP Update – Maria Schaper**,** MORPC

VII.   **6:25 p.m. Informational Items**
- RSTI Presentation- Dina Lopez, MORPC
- 2019 Review – Bevan Schneck, MORPC
- Air Quality Update **–** Brandi Whetstone, MORPC
     Dr. Brooke White, MORPC

VIII.   6:50 p.m. Other Business

IX.   7:00 p.m.   Adjourn

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Tuesday, May 5, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: **December 2, 2019**
Time: **5:30 p.m.**
Location: **MORPC**

Members Present

William Allman	Grant Huling	Jonathan Steward
Len Fisher	David Paul	Ira Weiss
Catherine Girves	Larry Robertson	
LaGrieta Holloway	Bob Roehm	

Guests Present

Dana Dorsey	Roy Wentzel

MORPC Staff Present

Marta Crispin	Stephen Patchan	Aaron Schill
Mary Ann Frantz	Nick Gill	Bevan Schneck
Nick Gill	Niel Jurist	Nathaniel Vogt
Ronni Nimps	Jennifer Noll	Thea Walsh

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Chair Catherine Girves called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of November 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

  The Chair requested to advance the **Community Advisory Committee organizational update**.

  Since the last meeting the Chair has met with staff, officers and former CAC Chair's to discuss the proposal.

  Requested that staff go over proposal and subsequent discussions on the matter. Thea Walsh explained and reviewed proposal.

  The focus of the proposal is to broaden and diversify the Community Advisory Committee representation to be reflective of MORPC membership communities.

  To develop the proposal, guidance on the matter was sought from the Executive Director and the Communications and Engagement Director.

Niel explained that the proposal was consistent with the agency's Diversity and Inclusion Plan. This effort is to ensure that all voices are being heard. This will include underserved and underrepresented populations. The proposal is also intended to attract younger adults and millennials to become more involved with their government.

The Chair said "The CAC has open seats on the committee right now. Can appointments be made for current nominations at tonight's meeting?"

Niel Jurist replied that no nominees would be appointed at the meeting.

The Chair said that there are nominees that have been trying to be appointed for six or seven months. The Chair requested the appointment process be shared with the CAC.

Thea replied that the appointees are approved by the Chair and the Executive Director.

Niel said appointments will be considered after changes to the committee structure.

The Chair said the CAC would like to see that vacant seats filled before any organizational changes are implemented.

Dave Paul said that he is concerned that the staff will not be able to keep up with the demand of a bigger CAC group if they cannot seem to keep all of the vacant seats filled now.

Thea replied that a larger CAC is needed in order to best represent MORPC membership.

LaGrieta Holloway said that she is concerned that quarterly meetings are not enough meetings in a year. Also, meetings in the morning will limit the ability of working people to attend.

Thea explained that after review of previous year's business she recommended that the CAC have 8 meetings and 2 committee experiences a year, with preference for morning meetings since many of the representatives may be representing their employer. This will allow CAC materials to be shared more broadly by representative groups.

David Paul said that MORPC staff doesn't share materials that are easily shared with other groups that CAC members represent.

Thea explained that there is a desire to have better curation of materials for the CAC.

Ira said, "It is challenging for the CAC to even find 24 members."

Thea said that the CAC currently only hears transportation planning matters. The proposed CAC would hear all MORPC matters.

Larry Robertson said that many CAC members are specifically interested in transportation planning.

CAC Member (unknown) said "If we meet less often, we need to have longer meetings."

Thea explained that staff will be able to cover more material in less time if the meeting is not duplicative of the TAC agenda. This will allow the meeting to be specifically targeted to the audience and cover all MORPC programming.

CAC Member (unknown) requested a summary document of meeting materials for each meeting and an evaluation form for each meeting.

Grant Huling said that he prefers morning meeting times.

Len Fisher said that he has struggled to capture the attention of the Delaware County Officials as a CAC member.

Bob Roehm said that he doesn't share CAC materials with groups he represents but he considers their perspective in his CAC voting.

Dana Dorsey explained why she is interested in being a CAC member.

CAC Member (unknown) said, "If the CAC is larger, won't there be a need for subcommittees of the CAC"?

Thea replied that the subcommittees could be considered after a trial period.

Niel also replied "We need many diverse members".

The Chair said, "Why do we need to dramatically change what's happening? Why bring new people on? The CAC wants to see the vacant seats filled".

Thea answered, "We will prioritize filling vacant seats,"

Niel said the appointment process is in our bylaws on the website. We will make sure members are emailed a copy.

Thea said, "We will meet again in February to move this discussion forward."

The Chair agreed.

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

- Outreach for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) has begun. MORPC is engaging communities within the planning organization to provide information regarding the transportation planning process and the projects from their community that are on the plan. Public feedback is being sought by early April 2020.

- A proposal has been sent for maglev (magnetic levitation) funding through the FRA for up to $5 billion for continuing Hyperloop environmental studies of the core section through Columbus.

- A request for proposals was released by Virgin Hyperloop One looking for a place to do research and development and to certify their technologies.

Delaware County Transit Board

- DCTB staff training is in progress for the new scheduling and dispatching software. The go-live date is December 16, 2019.

- Delaware County Transit has been awarded with $843,000 from the Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) for service expansion, vehicles, and parking pavement.

COTA

- On December 2, 2019, COTA joined Congresswoman Joyce Beatty and The Ohio State University to honor Rosa Parks with a community forum at the Fawcett Center. An assembly will be held on the morning of December 3, 2019 for elementary school children from across Central Ohio to learn about the history of civil rights.

- COTA and the City of Columbus led the second Mobility Innovation Test during the OSU vs. Penn State game. During the test, dubbed the Game Day Mobility Lane, a lane was dedicated to buses, bicycles, and scooters for two hours before the game and an hour after the game. COTA will have results to report at the January 2020 meeting.

- COTA is partnering with United Way of Central Ohio and the Columbus City Attorney's office on the Tax Time program in which free taxes preparation services are available for the public. In addition to promoting the program onboard the buses, COTA's customer service center and administrative offices will host weekly sessions for the public to access these 1-on-1 services in downtown Columbus.

- COTA Plus in Grove City continues to see steady ridership gains, with an average of 62 rides per day in November. The goal by the end of the first year in July 2020 is to reach 115 daily trips. COTA is exploring several communities where COTA Plus might launch next year, totaling 3 pilots in 2020.

- Kim Sharp recently joined COTA as the Senior Director of Planning and Scheduling. Kim was previously the Deputy Planning Director for the City of Westerville.

- It was stated that an article in the paper discussed a $1 million transit study that's being proposed for the northwest of Columbus. It was asked if COTA continually assesses changes in the region and why $1 million is being spent for consultants to do something that COTA usually does. Thea stated that consultants will be paid to do this because COTA does not do the level of study required to obtain a federal grant. COTA's operating requirements exceed that capacity of being able to do the level studies required.

  The money that was designated in the last round of the Transportation Improvement Program for COTA to do studies is dedicated to this.

Monthly Report – Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC

- The Smart Region Task Force is getting close to wrapping up. This task force was created to develop a shared vision for what it means to be a smart region and provide guidance to local governments on how to adopt new transportation and other connected infrastructure technologies.

- Task Force members were asked to work on three deliverables over the course of two years. They are finishing up the second of those – the Smart Region Playbook which is a guide for staff and committees.

- Two more meetings are anticipated in January and February of next year. If there are any questions, feel free to reach out to Aaron.

- The Regional Data Advisory Committee is in the process of appointing new committee members and a new chair. There are a number of open seats so if there are suggestions for community members that might be interested, reach out to Aaron.

IV. **Proposed Resolution T-16-2019 - Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program** –

Ronni Nimps, MORPC

- Proposed Resolution T-16-19 will modify nine projects on the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over $180 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint.

- Delaware County is requesting the addition of preliminary engineering funding for additional study of the proposed I-71 interchange at Big Walnut to the TIP.

- ODOT District 6 has requested the following additions and modifications to the TIP:
  - Addition of right-of-way funding for I-70 at I-270 (East Outerbelt), phase 1A of the Far East Freeway study.
  - Addition of construction funding for I-71 at I-270 (South Outerbelt).
  - Reduction of funding for the rehabilitation of I-71 from Broad Street to Long Street, phase 3B of Columbus Crossroads.
  - Increase of funding for the widening of I-70/I-71 in downtown Columbus, phase 4R of Columbus Crossroads.

- Chair Girves asked for a motion to approve; Ira Weiss moved; Bill Allman seconded; and the motion carried.

  [The presentation can be found by clicking here](.).

V. 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - Nick Gill, MORPC

- MORPC is starting outreach to communities and civic organizations. Staff is still in the process of developing an interest database and project list. Presentations will be done through February.

- The MTP open house will be held on February 26, 2020.

- Outside of transit projects, there are about $20 million worth of candidate projects that have been identified.

- MORPC continues to work with COTA on the forecast of transit planning.

- The public comment period will be open until April 3, 2020.

- The plan will be presented to our board for adoption in May 2020.

- Chair Girves asked if MORPC anticipates having the financial forecast available at the January meeting. Nick stated that full details, including cost associated with each project, will be available on our website before the next meeting.

VI. Information Items

Ohio Public Works Commission Infrastructure and Conservation Update -
Nathaniel Vogt, MORPC

- The Ohio Public Works Commission Infrastructure and Conservation state capital improvement program was established to help local governments maintain roads, bridges, and water lines and is funded by a voter approved bond issue. Some programs specifically assist small government under 5000 population and provide emergency assistance. The Local Transportation Improvement Program

(LTIP) helps local governments with roads bridge improvement exclusively and it is funded through a penny a gallon gas tax.

- The infrastructure operations programs operate on manual cycles called *rounds*. We are nearing end of round 34 for the infrastructure programs. For this round, we have $28 million in grants and loans available for 2020 and 2021.

- Thirty-one applications were received in September for a variety of local infrastructure projects on the list. They are asking for $42 million and assistance, which is less than half of the total cost. The integrating committee has begun preparing project agreements and getting things in place so funds can be available by July 2020.

- The Clean Ohio Conservation Fund helps communities to preserve open spaces, sensitive ecological areas and stream corridors. The state Legislature established 19 districts in the state to enable the decision making these funding programs to occur. Each district has a public Works Integrated Committee to oversee the skip and LTIP application processes and a Natural Resources Assistance Council or in a rank to oversee the cleanup process.

   [The presentation can be found by clicking here.](#)

Regional Housing Strategy Update – Jennifer Noll, MORPC

- The region continues to grow with up to 2.4 million residents today. We don't have enough housing to accommodate the diverse trends we're seeing in terms of market preferences and growth.

- Several studies have been done over the years, bringing the same conclusion; we simply do not have enough housing for existing residents and going forward for the next decades to accommodate our growth. The largest gap is among low income households, who depend on the rental market.

- Government and private sectors are launching the Regional Housing Strategy to look to the current conditions within our region's housing market and understand how to develop a strategy that will deliver clear direction for us in terms of policy and investment strategy.

- A consulting team, Enterprise Community Partners, has been selected to work with MORPC to carry out the regional housing strategy.

- The plan will be opened statewide for public comment next year.

- Len Fisher asked if COTA is a sponsor and if, after the strategy, developers and landlords will be asked to sign the strategy. Jennifer stated that while we have not discussed that as part of the strategy, we do have developers that serve on the advisory board and are helping to guide the projects. Landlords will be a focus of the focus group conversations.

[The presentation can be found by clicking here](#).

Technical Assistance Program Selected Communities- Stephen Patchan, MORPC

- This program, as part of the insight2050, was designed to encourage walkable neighborhoods, mixed use environments, mixed age and mixed income communities, smaller residences, and transportation choices.

- Objectives of the program are to increase multimodal options, improve mobility, accessibility and safety, increase connectivity assets, areas of investments and underutilized properties, and prepare communities for emerging technology.

- Five projects are planned:
    - Hilliard - Cemetery Road conceptual development framework project
    - Jefferson Township - Blackbook Station conceptual development framework
    - Westerville - Cleveland Ave corridor project to look at high capacity and high capacity transit and land use impacts
    - Franklin County – Developing a Complete Streets toolkit.
    - City of Columbus – Doing a speed management framework project to look at some risk analysis. More information will be provided on this at a later date.

VII. Other Business

Community Advisory Committee Organizational Update
- Details of the Community Advisory Committee organizational update can be found in Appendix A.

- The Chair congratulated Ronni Nimps on her new role at the Franklin County Engineers Office, where she will be working on the Complete Streets initiative.

VIII. Adjourn

Chair Girves asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.; Ira Weiss moved; Bill Allman seconded; and the motion carried.

Bevan Schneck, Secretary
Community Advisory Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
                 Transportation Advisory Committee
                 Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Thea J. Walsh, Director
                 Transportation Systems & Funding
DATE: January 30, 2020
SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-1-20: **"Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures' Targets"**

Performance measures were an important element of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and continues in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-Act) the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC's transportation planning process must comply. The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) completed the rulemaking process in 2017 to establish the specific performance measures across three areas and how they would be implemented with targets.

With regard to safety, the final rules established an annual deadline of August 31 each year for states to set targets for the five safety performance measures. The five measures are:
- number of fatalities
- number of serious injuries
- number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries
- fatality rate
- serious injury rate

In August 2019 ODOT established their annual safety statewide targets as a 2% annual reduction for each of the five measures. This was based on many factors, including a review of recent trends in safety statistics and increased emphasis to provide resources for safety activities. These are targets MORPC can support and work with ODOT to accomplish.

Each MPO is then required to annually establish targets by February 27 each year. Resolution T-1-20 is to explicitly meet the federal planning regulations to establish safety performance measures for the MPO area.

MORPC was a leader in the country when performance measures were incorporated into the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in 2012. In preparation for the 2020-2050 MTP to be adopted in May, performance measures were reestablished via resolution T-14-18.

Attachment: Resolution T-1-20

RESOLUTION T-1-20

"Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures' Targets"

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-Act) is the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC's transportation planning must comply, including development of a metropolitan transportation plan including performance measures; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is preparing the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which will include performance measures, including safety targets, which were adopted via Resolution T-14-18; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. DOT completed the rule-making process for incorporating performance measures in metropolitan transportation plans, which includes state and MPO adoption of performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the final U.S. DOT rules required the states to set targets for five safety performance measures (number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries) annually by August 31 each year, and that MPOs set targets for the five measures annually by February 27 each year; and

WHEREAS, in August 2019 ODOT established a 2% annual reduction as the statewide target for each of the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, targets established by ODOT are within the targets established via Resolution T-14-18 to be included in the 2020-2050 MTP for the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its February 3, 2020 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its February 5, 2020 meeting recommended approval of this resolution; now therefore

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

Section 1.   That it supports ODOT's safety targets established in August 2019.

Section 2.   That it will plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the safety targets.

Section 4.   That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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Rory McGuinness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Transportation & Infrastructure Development

Thea Walsh, Director - twalsh@morpc.org

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Several staff members have been visiting local councils, county commissions, neighborhood commissions, and other local and regional partners to share information about the development of the MTP, why it is important, and how they can review and provide comments.

- Staff also published the draft list of strategies to the MORPC website, and is finalizing the draft list of projects and fiscal analysis. The draft project list will be available on the interactive webmap tool.

- Preparations are underway for the February 26 public Open House 26 at MORPC and work is underway to compile the formal MTP document.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services

5310 Designated Recipient
- MORPC received 17 applications for FTA Section 5310 to enhance mobility for older adults and people with disabilities. Recommended applicants will be announced next month and submitted for a quarterly STIP/TIIP amendment to apply for funding with FTA
- MORPC staff submitted a 5310 application to support mobility management and coordinate programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. This program will allow MORPC to better support mobility and planning efforts that decrease isolation and increase quality of life for individuals in the Central Ohio region.
- Staff has attended local and state mobility management and regional transit meetings.

Gohio
- MORPC/Gohio staff participated in a panel with partners from the City of Columbus, COTA, and private mobility partners on Zoe Eather's Smart Community Podcast to share how Central Ohio works together to support innovative TDM programs.
- MORPC staff worked with local government and mobility partners in the Central Ohio Mode Shift Coalition to confirm 2020 TDM events and campaigns. The group also looked over the first draft of the 2020-2021 Central Ohio TDM Plan and gave thoughtful suggestions that will be incorporated in the final report.
- MORPC Gohio staff participated in Ohio Means Jobs training meeting to educate staff about Gohio Commute sustainable transportation options.

- MORPC Gohio Commute staff presented Gohio Commute carpool/vanpool options to Scott's Miracle Gro and the Chase Corporation in January. Both companies are considering starting sustainable commute programs.
- MORPC Gohio Commute staff, along with COTA and SID staff, met with State of Ohio staff to provide sustainable commute options for downtown workers. Our team will continue to work with this group to provide options for downtown commuters.

Transportation Planning Studies

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)
- RSTI Studies: The Hyperloop Feasibility Study and the environmental study were completed in late 2019. MORPC staff are finalizing the documentation to be made available to the public in February.
- MORPC submitted two proposals to advance the RSTI hyperloop project (detailed below). MORPC will inform its members and the public if either proposal advances to funding/project implementation:
  - Hyperloop Magnetic Levitation Project for Central Ohio – This proposal was in response to the Federal Railroad Administration Notice of Funding Opportunity. The proposal requests funds to complete planning studies and approvals for a hyperloop maglev route between Dublin, downtown Columbus, and John Glenn International Columbus Airport.
  - International Hyperloop Certification Center (IHCC) – In the fall of 2019, Virgin Hyperloop One (VHO) issued a request for proposals for a certification track and research facility that would serve to certify hyperloop technology as well as right-of-way development. On behalf of project partners that include JobsOhio, ODOT, and TRC, MORPC submitted a proposal to VHO, which was selected in late 2019 to advance to Phase 2 of the competition.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

CORPO Update
- MORPC hosted a CORPO Committee meeting on January 6th. At the meeting, the CORPO Committee held in-depth conversations about the types of planning activities to pursue in the new year. Staff asked that Committee members send any comments regarding planning work to Mike Borger in two weeks so that they may be incorporated into the CORPO Planning Work Program (PWP).
- CORPO staff submitted a proposal to ODOT requesting funds to study access from Knox and Morrow Counties to area freeways.
- CORPO staff recently provided transportation safety data to a peer RTPO, OMEGA related to a trails project in northeast Knox County.
- MORPC submitted responses to the USDOT's request for information from RTPOs regarding the *Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success* or ROUTES program on January 27, 2020. RTPOs were asked to detail the issues and barriers that rural communities face concerning various topics such as development, housing, and transportation. Based on over three years of feedback from CORPO members to MORPC staff during committee, subcommittee and rural consultation meetings and events, a list of responses was compiled and will be submitted.
- On January 8th, Union County, a CORPO and MORPC member whom staff assisted with their OPT2 grant application received their agreement with ODOT for almost $90,000 dollars to be used for a mobility related feasibility study. This was more than the original ask and therefore made for a welcome surprise.

Infrastructure Funding

Transportation Improvement Program
- The draft SFY 2021-24 TIP will be provided to ODOT on February 7. Work continues to gather project information from local jurisdictions and to update ODOT and MORPC project information. The Final Draft TIP is due to ODOT on March 27, which begins the formal public comment period. The open house is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, at MORPC.

MORPC Attributable Funding
- The Attributable Funding Committee (AFC) released a draft of its revised funding policies in December for public review and comment. The comment period closed January 21. The team will provide the AFC a summary of any comments received and proposed revisions in response if needed. Approval of the updated policies document will be requested at the March committee meetings. The next attributable funding round is expected to open at the end of spring 2020.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
- Below is the preferred slate of awards for infrastructure projects approved on December 13 by the Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for OPWC District 3, comprising Franklin County. The funds were available as grants and loans through Round 34 of the State Capital Improvements Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program.

Agency	Project Name	Estimated Cost of Project	Total Award
Bexley	South Drexel Ave & Grandon Ave Comprehensive Improvements	$5,158,807	$4,895,707
Canal Winchester	Gender Road Improvements Phase 5	$1,199,960	$1,000,000
Columbus	Citywide ADA Curb Ramps	$1,306,113	$999,643
Columbus	Hudson St Reconstruction - I-71 to Cleveland Ave	$19,434,978	$2,000,000
Columbus	James Rd at Livingston Ave Intersection Improvements	$2,610,257	$261,025
Columbus	Neil Avenue Traffic Signal Installation	$3,058,038	$1,000,000
Columbus	School Zone Flashing Beacons - Citywide Upgrades	$733,892	$477,651
Franklin Co Eng	Agler Road Bridge over Alum Creek	$5,517,868	$931,708
Franklin Co Eng	Saltzgaber Road, Swisher Road & Toy Road Improvements	$2,350,397	$702,602
Grandview Heights	Yard St, Bobcat Ave & Swan St Road/Utility Extensions	$11,464,249	$6,179,230
Grove City	Home Road Improvements	$2,183,456	$390,960
Groveport	S. Hamilton Rd/Higgins Blvd/Directors Blvd Intersection Improvements Phase 2	$861,000	$472,689
Groveport	West Bixby Road Reconstruction Phase 2	$1,851,124	$1,851,124
Hilliard	Scioto Darby Road / Walcutt Road Improvements	$3,410,000	$1,000,000
Jackson Twp.	Hiner Road Resurfacing	$340,700	$200,700
Madison Twp.	Chipman Drive and Rager Road Improvements	$458,574	$364,574
Minerva Park	Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements Phase 3	$300,300	$300,300
New Albany	Market Street Extension	$7,505,000	$532,168
Reynoldsburg	East Main Street Roadway Improvements	$3,083,974	$1,999,999

Whitehall	Poth Road Improvements		$3,997,033	$3,957,033
		TOTAL	**$76,825,720**	**$29,517,113**

Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)

- The NRAC received six preliminary screener applications from two agencies intending to apply for Round 14 of Clean Ohio Conservation funding. The total amount requested is $5.5 million, and there is currently $3.8 million available. These applicants presented their proposals to the NRAC on January 8. Pre-applications are not required to be eligible to submit final applications, which are due by March 20.

INFRA

Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (FCTID)

- Staff worked in coordination with FCTID legal counsel to draft three resolutions for the January meeting of the FCTID Board of Trustees, resulting in the inclusion of two new projects being added to the FCTID program of projects. Staff continues to explore strategies for maximizing the benefit which the FCTID can provide to Franklin County.

Competitive Advantage Projects

- MORPC staff, in coordination with Ice Miller staff, conducted six workshops as part of the Innovative Funding Strategies Development Activity. These workshops explored a variety of funding strategies which could potentially be used to advance CAP projects around the region. Ice Miller will be utilizing the information shared at the workshops to better inform funding recommendations which will be provided in the upcoming months.

Data & Mapping

Aaron Schill, Director – aschill@morpc.org

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) and Working Groups

- The Regional Data Advisory Committee met on December 11 to discuss ongoing census efforts, public policy, and to hear reports from the four working groups. The Committee also expressed its gratitude to Mayor Tom Kneeland, the RDAC's outgoing Chair. The Committee will meet again on March 3.
- The Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit Working Group continues to meet every two weeks to work on the details of the Data Policy Needs Survey. Working Group leadership intends to have the Survey ready for distribution to local governments in Quarter 1 2020.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Working Group met on January 17 to finalize details for the kickoff meeting of the user group – the Regional Information & Data Group. The kickoff user group meeting will be on January 29, with an expected attendance of 30 – 40 data professionals. The Working Group will meet again on February 12.
- The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group created a subgroup to concentrate on broadband items. The Working Group will meet again on February 28 to discuss the progress of the subgroup and progress in fiber mapping.
- The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group met in December and January to view the ongoing updates to the Sustainability Dashboard, to review problematic metrics, and to begin beta testing of the Dashboard. The Working Group will meet again on February 11.

Smart Region Task Force

- The Smart Region Task Force met on January 14 to discuss the status of the Task Force's final deliverable, the Smart Region Resource Guide. The Task Force will meet again on February 18.

Transportation

- GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger continues work on the ODOT LBRS (Location Based Response System) Steering Committee.
- Data and Mapping staff continues assisting Transportation with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Data and Mapping Outreach and Collaboration

- Data and Mapping Director Aaron Schill presented at the Logan County Economic Development Day on December 17 regarding Insight 2050 efforts, expected growth and the corresponding challenges that will impact Logan County.
- The Local Government Subcommittee of the Complete Count Committee met in December and January to discuss the Subcommittee's Draft Work Plan and Census hiring efforts. The Subcommittee will meet again in mid-February. Data and Mapping Director Aaron Schill presented to the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association on December 6 regarding Census outreach by local governments.
- The Data and Mapping Team continues to take a lead role in data collection and analysis for the Regional Housing Study, concentrating on typology and displacement analysis.
- Data and Mapping Director Aaron Schill is involved in the Leadership Columbus Committee for Digital Inclusion, which is closely related to Goal 5 of the Regional Data Agenda, "MORPC will serve as a model for data access, inclusivity, and equity, ensuring the benefits and opportunities data can create are extended to all Central Ohio residents."

- Alliance for the American Dream (AAD)
- Data and Mapping Director Aaron Schill and Data Manager Liz Whelan presented to the leadership team for the Alliance for the American Dream grant on January 14. The leadership team is in the process of deciding which organizations will move forward to the next competitive round. The Alliance for the American Dream is a project designed to reduce inequality and relieve poverty in the United States. Organizations are competing for $25,000 - $1,000,000 in grants.
- Data and Mapping staff is working to recruit partners for AAD.
- At the request of Member Brad Ebersole, Data Analyst Natalie Hurst assisted with the Oxford Township Community Development Block Grant.
- Staff provided data for a feasibility study for the development of a performing arts facility in Fairfield County.
- Data and Mapping staff created a network for the Gap Analysis portion of the Central Ohio Greenways Prioritization Project.

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Active Transportation Planning

- Complete Streets Review: The Complete Streets Steering Committee convened for their second meeting to discuss the regional complete streets policy update on January 16, 2020. The first three sections on the policy update were reviewed during this meeting, and additional comments will be accepted on those sections through the end of January. Team members will consolidate comments and revise those sections before bringing the next portion of the policy update to the committee in March. The policy is anticipated to be completed in fall 2020.

- Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG): The first ATWG meeting for 2020 was held on January 7, 2020. The meeting included discussion about safety for vulnerable roadways users, updates from ODOT on statewide active transportation planning and the upcoming funding round for Safe Routes to School, as well as a member spotlight presentation on the Westerville Mobility Plan. Dates will be announced soon for the second round of stakeholder workshops for the statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan, Walk.Bike.Ohio.

- Outreach: Team members hosted the monthly Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) webinars "Education and Encouragement: Bringing the Right People Together" on December 18, 2019 and "Active Transportation Planning through Health in All Policies" on January 15, 2020. Attendees remained after each of those webinars to participate in a discussion with MORPC staff about those topics within our region.

- External Meetings: Team members participated in the Walk.Bike.Ohio Steering Committee meeting #3 on January 23, 2020. The Steering Committee identified performance metrics to be included in the plan.

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- Corridor Concepts: Team members will be working with undergraduate and graduate students of the Ohio State University City & Regional Planning program as they complete a studio project studying a segment of the southeast corridor along Parsons Avenue. MORPC will assist with providing data, information, and input toward the students' development of "user personas" of individuals who may live or work along the corridor.

- Technical Assistance Program (TA): Team members met with all five of the TA Program communities for initial project scoping in January. Team members will refine anticipated deliverables, activities, and timelines before finalizing with the communities and beginning work on project deliverables.

- Academy: The Spring insight2050 Academy is scheduled for the mornings of April 3, 10, and 17 at MORPC, and is co-sponsored by the OSU Knowlton School Alumni Society. The topic is Affordable Housing and Design, aimed at architects, planners, and other design practitioners who will work in teams to develop design solutions.

Regional Housing Strategy

- Quantitative analyses for this project culminated in the creation of a typology framework which finds similarities across the communities of the 7- county study area for the purpose of categorizing and localizing stakeholder recommendations. These analyses also serve to guide the methodology for selecting focus group audiences.

Transportation Safety

- Meeting Coordination: Team members hosted an Active Transportation Academy on Vision Zero Planning through the Ohio Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) on December 10, 2019. The workshop had nearly 30 attendees from agencies throughout the region and provided attendees with the information and materials to develop Vision Zero action plans for their communities.
- Team members coordinated and hosted the Q4 Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Transportation Safety working group meeting and transitioned host agency responsibilities over to Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for 2020. The MORPC team will coordinate with NOACA to ensure that OARC continues to be represented at statewide safety committee meetings.
- Regional Safety Plan: Team members met with City of Columbus to formally present the safety plan and discuss implementation, as well as coordination with new safety initiatives at the City. The team continues to identify opportunities to share this information throughout the region to collaborate with all partners.
- External Meetings: Team members attended the Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review meeting on December 6, 2019. Challenges identified in the crashes reviewed included pedestrian safety, older driver education, impaired driving, and young driver education. Team members attended the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Executive and Technical Council meetings on December 17, 2019, as representatives for OARC. Two project proposals were heard and approved by the council, including development of an app to assist law enforcement officials with filling out the OH-1 Crash Report forms and an expansion of a pilot program along the I-90 corridor to provide advance information about potential safety conditions with lake effect snow.

Sustainable2050

- Congratulations to the cities of Bexley and Delaware, the newest certified Sustainable2050 members. Both cities attained the Platinum designation through their efforts. MORPC also completed the Tier Status certification process and will join these communities as a Platinum designee. All will be recognized for their achievement at the February Commission meeting.

Greenways & Water Resources Program

- Central Ohio Greenways Board: The Central Ohio Greenways Board met on January 15, 2020 where the Board welcomed new members Julie Walcoff, Leah Evans, and Bill Hebble. Team members provided updates on MORPC's Transportation Demand Management Plan as well as an update on House Bill 288, which will impact eminent domain on Ohio trail projects. The Board also discussed what role it will play in the Rapid 5 project.

- Central Ohio Greenways Forum: The Central Ohio Greenways Forum was hosted on December 9th, 2019. The agenda included Central Ohio Greenway Board updates from the October Board meeting as well as team member updates on the Blueways and Sustaining Scioto projects. The Forum also provided an opportunity for attendees to comment on the current MORPC Bicycle Level of Comfort map, which will provide data that will be included in the Trails Prioritization Project.

- Central Ohio Water Resources Planning: Team members submitted the final Central Ohio Water Resources Plan to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review. The submission marks the end of a two-year project that updates the Central Ohio 208 Plan. The 208 Plan describes and promotes efficient and comprehensive programs for controlling water pollution from point and nonpoint sources in a defined geographic area. MORPC expects to receive continued funding from the Ohio EPA to expand the water resources planning work.

- Sustaining Scioto: MORPC secured funding commitments from City of Columbus, City of Marysville, and Del-co water to support the Sustaining Scioto Implementation Plan. Formation of the new Sustaining Scioto Board is in process, with the first meeting planned for March.

Energy & Air Quality

- Air quality: Air Quality staff are re-engaging Holden Ellis for marketing support for the 2020 Ozone Awareness campaign.

- City of Columbus Greenhouse Gas Inventory: Energy and Air Quality staff are beginning initial data collection covering greenhouse gas emissions during 2019.

- Air Quality Awareness Week: Air Quality staff engaged local mobility partners through the Central Ohio Mode Shift Coalition to create marketing content celebrating the role of smart mobility choices in improving air quality.

- Energy & Air Quality Working Group: The E&AQ Working Group met in January and heard a featured presentation from the City of Cincinnati's Energy Manager on Cincinnati's energy efficiency and renewable energy programming. Subgroups focusing on the creation of a Central Ohio Solar Toolkit and a low-cost air quality monitor program strategy are kicking off on January 30th and February 6th, respectively.

- Local Government Energy Partnership: As of the end of 2019, 77% of buildings enrolled in the program showed an improvement in energy consumption. For buildings that qualify for an ENERGY STAR® score, participants saw an average increase of 5 points with a typical improvement of about 5% per building. Energy use intensity (EUI), a building performance metric that measures energy consumption per square foot, also improved. The average EUI improved by 4 kBtu per square foot, an average improvement of roughly 4% per building. As with most benchmarking programs, savings are likely attributable to a raising of consciousness surrounding energy consumption and the identification of energy saving opportunities. Participants in the MORPC Benchmarking Program are, as a whole, moving towards more efficient energy consumption in their operations. The Regional Energy Dashboard was released for public viewing and can be found via the MORPC website. Current monthly data are provided for ENERGY STAR scores, carbon emissions, renewable energy capacity and alternative fuel vehicles being used in local government fleets.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

- Regional Sustainability Dashboard: The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group, a collaboration between MORPC's Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC), has continued meeting monthly to guide the development of a Sustainability Dashboard, with technical support from CURA at OSU. This public facing dashboard will display dynamic information and serve as the reporting tool for the Regional Sustainability Agenda. The working group has been focused on the development and operational side of the dashboard led by CURA, and making recommendations on the challenging data and metrics, led by MORPC staff. The working group conducted the first round of beta testing in January and the full RDAC and SAC will also have the chance to test the dashboard. The working group will continue to meet monthly through the anticipated completion in spring of 2020.

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Presentations & Outreach

- Almost all community presentations on the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan have been scheduled, and the Communications & Engagement team has presented at many of the meetings.
- A postcard was created to distribute to MORPC's public involvement address list. It explains the MTP and invites the public to the open house at MORPC on Feb. 26 from 4-7 p.m. (presentation at 6 p.m.)
- The draft strategies for the MTP were put on the website and are available for review and comment.
- Public notices were placed in the Columbus Dispatch, Columbus African American Journal, Delaware Gazette, Marysville Journal-Tribune, Newark Advocate, and Lancaster Eagle Gazette to announce the start of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

News Releases

- Press releases distributed to the media: Funding Available to Enhance Mobility of Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities, MORPC Releases Annual Air Quality report, Gambier Joins the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Draft Policies for Allocating MORPC-Attributable Transportation Funding Available for Review and Comment, and MORPC Awards Communities with Technical Assistance.

MORPC in the News

MORPC was mentioned in the news more than 60 times over the two-month period. Highlights include:

- Hyperloop/RSTI - Thea Walsh on ABC 6 and on the "In The Hyperloop" YouTube series, as well as numerous hyperloop stories in publications such as Columbus Business First, NY Magazine, the Wall Street Journal, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh Tribune, Toledo Blade, Governing Magazine, and the Associated Press.
- Enhanced Mobility - Mike Borger on Columbus Government TV's "City Chat."
- Residential Services – Robert Williams discussing home weatherization on ABC 6.
- Metropolitan Transportation – Stories about MORPC engaging community groups for feedback in publications such as Columbus Messenger, This Week News (Northland), and Delaware Gazette.
- Air Quality – Columbus Dispatch and Spectrum News 1 highlighting MORPC's end-of-season report.
- Future 50 – Kerstin Carr named to Columbus CEO's "Future 50" class.

Digital Content

- Social media and web/newsletter content included: Sustaining Scioto, Mid-Ohio Open Data, State Capital Budget, MORPC Auditor of State Finance Award, Water Quality Management Plan, Air Quality End of Season Report, Census, 5310 Funding, Roadway Safety, Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (RTPO Designation), Sustaining Scioto, Weatherization, 5310 Funding, Affordable Housing Workshop and Community Conversation, Attributable Funds, and State of the Region Registration.