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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
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Monday, Jan. 31, 2022
5:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

5:30 p.m.	**Welcome & Introductions –** Helen Rollins, Vice Chair
5:32 p.m.	**Approval of Nov. 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
5:33 p.m.	**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** – Nick Gill, MORPC

5:40 p.m. **Resolutions**
- Resolution T-1-22: Accepting MORPC as the Prime Holder of the Gohio Platform Contract, including Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility, for the Ohio Association of Regional Councils with RideAmigos – Lexi Petrella, MORPC
- Resolution T-2-22: Adopting the 2021-2026 Regional Mobility Plan for ODOT Human Services Transportation Coordination Region 6 – Lexi Petrella, MORPC

5:55 p.m. **Informational Items**
- Ohio Public Works Commission Infrastructure & Conservation Update – Nathaniel Vogt and Edwina Teye, MORPC
- 2021 Year in Review – Bevan Schneck, MORPC

6:15 p.m. **Other Business**

6:10 p.m. **Adjourn**

William Murdock, AICP	**Karen J. Angelou**	**Erik J. Janas**	**Chris Amorose Groomes**
Executive Director	*Chair*	*Vice Chair*	*Secretary*

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MEETING OR IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.**

**The next CAC Meeting is
February 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

Date: **November 29, 2021**
Time: **5:30 p.m.**
Location: **MORPC**

Members Present

Wendi Crump	David Paul	Ira Weiss
William Curlis	Bob Roehm	
Catherine Girves	Helen Rollins	
LaGrieta Holloway	Tamika Vinson-Reid	

Members Viewing Online:

Vonjia Shannon

Guests:

Bill Allman

MORPC Staff

Lauren Cardoni	Nick Gill	Maria Schaper
Thea Ewing	Thomas Graham	Bevan Schneck
Amanda Frey	Níel Jurist	
John Gardocki	Jennifer Noll	

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Chair LaGrieta Holloway called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Approval of November 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Chair Holloway asked for a motion to approve the November 1, 2021 minutes. Mr. Weiss moved; Mr. Curlis seconded; and the motion passed.

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

- Ms. Ewing congratulated COTA for receiving the 2021 HIRE Vets Medallion Award.
- MORPC continues to work on its Policies for Managing MORPC-attributable funding with a working group from the Attributable Funds Committee.
- The Ohio Public Works Integrating Committee for District 3, Franklin County, had applicants present their projects and will approve the final slate of recommendations in December.
- Ms. Walsh highlighted a few aspects of the recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, saying there are traditional (formula) and new funding sources within it, and MORPC is ready to assist the region in accessing the available funding. The agency will also be hiring a grants officer to handle much of this work.

- Mr. Weiss asked how the grants officer will relate to the Attributable Funds Committee. Ms. Ewing responded that if someone has a project that did not get approved through the MORPC-attributable funding process, this position could help them find other funding and be aware of new funding opportunities.
- Mr. Curlis asked about special funding in the legislation for historic neighborhoods.

IV. **Resolutions**

- Resolution T-14-21: Amending the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham and John Gardocki, MORPC
    - o Mr. Graham highlighted changes to projects included in the amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program and mentioned that there were some changes since the meeting packet was distributed. Those in attendance received a print-out with all the updated projects.
        - ▪ Mr. Weiss asked about the Alum Creek Drive project and how patches of sidewalks can be connected for pedestrians in the area. He also asked about U.S. 33 at Pickerington/Allen Roads, specifically from a bike and pedestrian perspective. MORPC will look into both.
    - o Mr. Gardocki provided a recap of MORPC's Section 5310 funding program to meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. He highlighted where the funding was coming from and provided stats from the applications received.
        - ▪ Mr. Paul asked whether the program is for capital only or also for personnel. Mr. Gardocki said it can be used for positions such as mobility managers.
    - o The 5310 Program of Projects for 2021 is included in the TIP amendment, and the projects were mentioned.
        - ▪ Mr. Roehm brought up that many of the recipients are in Franklin County and asked about those in Delaware County. Mr. Gardocki highlighted which projects were in Delaware County.
    - o Mr. Weiss made a motion to adopt Resolution T-14-21; Mr. Curlis seconded; and the motion passed.

- Resolution T-15-21: Adopting the 2020-2050 Active Transportation Plan – Jennifer Noll, MORPC
    - o Ms. Noll reminded the committee that the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) advances the regional priorities of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and helps communities within the Metropolitan Planning Organization area plan for and implement projects that include pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure in the region. She provided a recap of aspects of the plan.
    - o The plan underwent a public comment period in November and received favorable comments that did not require any changes to the content.

- Mr. Roehm asked about the bicycle level of traffic stress analysis. Ms. Noll responded that it applies to what the user (bicyclist) experiences.
    - Ms. Girves made a motion to adopt Resolution T-15-21; Mr. Weiss seconded; and the motion passed.

- Resolution T-16-21: Adopting the 2022 Technical Assistance Program Guide – Lauren Cardoni, MORPC
    - Ms. Cardoni provided details on the Technical Assistance Program, including activity types and important dates. The information was a recap from the previous month.
    - The Technical Assistance Program guide underwent a public comment period in November, and no comments were received. Minor clarification changes had been made to the Program Guide.
    - Chair Holloway asked what someone should do when they want to add a new trail and are not aware of the program – and if MORPC contacts them. Ms. Ewing responded that it depends on what phase of a project they are in, but MORPC directs people to the best person within the agency. Mr. Gill said that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan includes information from local plans, and most trail projects would be identified by the local governments in those plans.
    - Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution T-15-21; Mr. Curlis seconded; and the motion passed.

V.   Informational Items
- Regional Mobility Plan – Lexi Petrella, MORPC
    - Ms. Petrella highlighted the progress made on the Regional Mobility Plan related to seniors, those with disabilities, and those with low incomes in nine Central Ohio counties. She highlighted the work completed, the goals of the plan, and next steps.
    - The plan currently has a comment period underway and will be considered for adoption during the February meeting. It is available for review at morpc.org/mobilityplan.
    - Mr. Roehm gave the example of how to get from one county to another, as well as how the resources in each county differ. Ms. Petrella responded that the plan is laying the path to confront challenges like this through best practices. Mr. Gardocki mentioned the need to work with the state to improve local funding.
    - Ms. Girves asked if electronic bikes had been raised as part of the conversation during the plan process, as well as ADA-accessible bike sharing – particularly as it relates to transit. Ms. Petrella said she did not remember anyone specifically raising e-bikes, but mentioned active transportation and mobility going hand in hand.

VI. <u>**Other Business**</u>

- Technical Assistance Program Selection Committee CAC Appointment – Lauren Cardoni, MORPC
    - o Ms. Cardoni highlighted responsibilities of the evaluation committee to consider projects for the Technical Assistance Program, because the Community Advisory Committee chair can appoint someone to serve on the committee.
    - o Chair Holloway said that she had asked Erin Synk to serve on the committee, and Ms. Synk had accepted.

- CAC Member Appointment Update – Bevan Schneck, MORPC
    - o Mr. Schneck told the committee that the members with expiring terms at the end of 2021 have received the application to reapply and should send it back to MORPC, preferably by Dec. 10. If they have suggestions for new applicants, they should let MORPC know.

VII. <u>**Adjourn**</u>

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Bevan Schneck, Secretary

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

December 2021 & January 2022

PROGRAMMING

Thea Ewing, Chief Regional Development Officer & Sr. Director of Programming – twalsh@morpc.org

Transportation

Nick Gill, Director of Transportation Study – ngill@morpc.org

Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- Work continues on developing the forecast population and employment information.

- In accordance with the Federal Performance Management Process, staff reviewed ODOT's performance targets and provided feedback in support of the targets identified.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

Mobility Management

- Staff held two virtual public meetings for the Regional Mobility Plan on December 7, 2021 and December 9, 2021 in connection to the public comment period (November 17, 2021 – December 19, 2021). Final edits on the Regional Mobility Plan after the public comment period were completed in preparation for presenting to MORPC committees for approval and submitting to ODOT by February 11, 2022.

- Staff attended the Pickaway, Fayette, Logan, Madison, and Fairfield county commissioners meetings in January. All approved the resolution recognizing the Regional Mobility Plan as the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for their counties and ODOT HSTC Region 6.

- Staff attended the Union County Commissioners Meeting on January 12, 2022 for their review and approval of the Regional Mobility Plan as the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for their county and ODOT HSTC Region 6. MORPC staff is continuing to work with the commissioners to meet their concerns.

- Staff attended a public event with older adults in Dublin to encourage awareness of available transportation resources for residents.

- Staff continues to work with OARC rideshare and air quality subcommittee members, ODOT Office of Transit, and Ohio Mobility Managers on final steps needed to ensure Gohio Mobility, the statewide transportation search tool is ready for launch by the end of March.
- Staff attended and participated in statewide mobility management conversations to share best practices and regional innovation with the larger statewide group.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

- 2021 5310 projects were submitted and approved by the MORPC CAC, TAC, and Commission through TIP Amendment T-14-21. Staff will now begin working on inputting projects into the FTA system and craft contracts for all awardees.
- Staff continues work on updating the program management plan that was last updated in 2015.

Gohio Commute

- Staff attended the Grove City Human Resources Committee meeting. Staff had the opportunity to talk to employers about Gohio Commute services and funding.
- Staff co-hosted with the City of New Albany a webinar about workforce mobility and funding. In addition to MORPC and City of New Albany staff, featured speakers from Enterprise, COTA, and Share Mobility spoke about transportation options available to employers in the New Albany area.
- Staff participated in the Logan County Chamber of Commerce's first luncheon of 2022 – Reimaging Workforce Mobility. MORPC staff talked about workforce mobility options and transportation funding through the lens of improving workforce recruitment and retention.
- Staff met with Central Ohio transportation partners to discuss TDM plans for 2022. This meeting also served as an opportunity for coordination of regional mobility programs.
- Staff is reviewing the draft subscription agreement for the new contract with RideAmigos. The agreement is also being reviewed by the ODOT Office of Transit and OARC rideshare and air quality subcommittee members.

Transportation Planning Activities:

US 23 Connect Study

- MORPC provided support during the second round of public and stakeholder meetings, which was extended through February due to increasing public interest in study. This round of engagement focused on the purpose and need, the concepts to be studied and the evaluation metrics. Additional information is available at https://publicinput.com/23connect. The team will be moving on to the evaluation of the concepts next, with the third round of public participation in the spring.
- MORPC continues to support ODOT and its consultant team in providing traffic forecast data.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

- MORPC hosted an Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) workshop on December 10 for the LinkUS partners. ODOT Central Office and District 6 were also in attendance to share relevant information about the opportunities at the state level for infrastructure dollars.

- Staff attended a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) meeting with the City of Columbus and ULI to discuss the new zoning and housing incentives rewrite. Work will begin in 2022 to rewrite the zoning code. The process will heavily involve public outreach and will focus first on the three high-capacity transit corridors.

- Regional outreach meetings are being held with each of the COTA jurisdictions in the months of January and February. The goal is to make sure communities are aware of the LinkUS initiative and discuss the communities' vision for mobility and development.

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)

- MORPC staff attended meetings with the City of Hilliard and City of Delaware to discuss passenger rail opportunities. Staff were assisted by consultant AECOM.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):

- On December 13, CORPO and MORPC staff met with regional stakeholders to discuss opportunities regarding the Trail Towns Program.

- On December 14, CORPO staff participated in the Mobility Business Advisory Committee meeting for Union County. The purpose of the meeting is to to leverage business interests for the advancement of transit and mobility opportunities in Union County.

- On December 17, the first ever CORPO Dedicated Funds application cycle ended. Eight applications were received requesting over $6 million. Just under $1 million is available. CORPO staff is currently scoring these projects and will notify the CORPO Funds Selection Committee approximately one week ahead of the first application review meeting to be held on February 8.

- CORPO Staff met with the Madison County Board of Commissioners on January 18, 2022 regarding a Thoroughfare and Access Management Plan that CORPO as been developming for the county. The commissioners adopted a resolution initiating the plan.

Transportation Safety:

- MORPC is kicking off a Complete Streets Safety Audit project in partnership with Franklin County Public Health. This project will engage three communities within Franklin County to review pedestrian and bicyclist safety, conduct walk audits, and develop recommendations and strategies for improving infrastructure for people walking and bicycling. The timeframe for this effort is Q1, 2022, and it will be completed by the end of March.

Technical Assistance Program:

- The application window for the 2022 MORPC Technical Assistance Program closed on Friday, January 14. Six applications were received and will be evaluated by the

Evaluation Committee. Awardees will be announced on Friday, February 4, 2022. The applications that were received included:

1. City of Columbus, Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
2. City of Dublin, Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
3. City of Sunbury, Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement / Active Transportation Project Prioritization
4. Franklin County Metro Parks, Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
5. Franklin Township, Active Transportation Project Prioritization
6. Violet Township - Pickerington, OH, Active Transportation Project Prioritization

Infrastructure Funding:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The December TIP Amendment approved by MORPC via resolution T-14-21 was incorporated into the STIP and approved by both FHWA and FTA at the beginning of January.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

- The AFC working group has continued to meet to discuss potential revisions to the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding. A full draft of the policies will be considered by the AFC on February 2. A public comment period on the draft policies will begin in early February.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- Following is the recommended slate of awards for infrastructure projects approved on December 17 by the Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for OPWC District 3, comprising Franklin County. The funds will be available as grants and loans in SFY 2023 from the State Capital Improvements Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP).

OPWC Infrastructure Awards for District 3

Agency	Project Name	Estimated Cost	Total Award	Program
Bexley	N Columbia Ave & S Remington Rd Comprehensive Improvements	$4,969,075	$4,969,075	SCIP
Columbus	Broad St at James Rd Intersection	$5,154,107	$1,162,279	LTIP
Columbus	Front Street and Marconi Boulevard Roadway Improvements	$9,418,813	$2,876,854	SCIP
Columbus	Second Avenue Improvements - Milo-Grogan	$7,633,014	$999,999	SCIP
Columbus	Summit Street Signals - Warren St to E 7th Ave	$2,822,639	$999,999	LTIP
Franklin Co Engineer	Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Havens Road Roundabout	$5,590,119	$999,999	LTIP
Franklin Co Engineer	SR 317 at Rohr Road Roundabout	$4,899,755	$1,942,750	LTIP
Franklin Co Engineer	Sunbury Road at Woodward Avenue Bridge Improvement	$1,364,360	$999,999	SCIP
Franklin Co Sanitary Eng.	S Grener Ave Sanitary Sewer Collections System Reconstruction	$1,528,679	$1,528,679	SCIP
Grandview Hts.	GH Bobcat Way Fairview Avenue Transformation	$2,700,000	$1,999,900	SCIP
Grove City	Demorest Road Improvements, Phase 2	$2,909,078	$1,999,999	SCIP
Hilliard	Cosgray Road & Woodsview Way Improvements (CIP T-84)	$4,403,100	$429,010	LTIP
Reynoldsburg	Waggoner Road Improvements, Phase 1	$7,600,609	$3,500,000	SCIP
Whitehall	East Broad Street Improvement, Phase 1	$3,073,723	$3,073,723	SCIP
	TOTAL	**$64,067,071**	**$27,482,265**	

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

- The 2022 TRAC meeting calendar has been released and posted on ODOT's TRAC website. While the application period has not been determined, here are milestone dates for 2022 as shared in the 2022 TRAC meeting calendar:

  - June 22 – Summary of applications presented to TRAC

  - July 27 – ODOT staff has completed the review of all applications and provides draft scores

  - August 24 – Final application scores discussed

  - September & October – Public hearings

  - November 16 – TRAC work session and draft list of selected projects released

  - December 14 – TRAC votes on the final funded projects list

Federal Competitive Programs

- MORPC is currently leading a competitive application in partnership with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio and the Columbus Region Logistics Council for the United State Economic Development Administration's Good Jobs Challenge. This opportunity would fund workforce programming and training in key industries across the region.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

- The CAP program has proven critical in an opportunity-rich state and federal infrastructure funding environment. MORPC staff continues to work with stakeholders across 12 counties, as well as our state and federal lawmakers, to secure funding and assistance for infrastructure projects with benefits to economic and community development.

Economic Development:

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

- The Columbus Region CEDS, carried out in mid-2020 with partners across 11 counties, was submitted to the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) in early January. Once the CEDS is approved, MORPC will move on to application for the Columbus Region Economic Development District, unlocking key economic development tools and funding for members across the region.

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Community Development

Active Transportation Planning:

- Active Transportation Planning

  - The MORPC Active Transportation Committee held its Q1, 2022 meeting on Thursday, January 20. More than 20 new members from around the region have joined the committee this year, and all members shared exciting updates about active transportation projects in their communities. The next ATC meeting will be held in Q2 on Thursday, April 21 at 10 a.m.

  - MORPC will be hosting webinar viewings again this year for the Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals (APBP) 2022 Webinar Series. We will be offering spots to join the MORPC-hosted viewings on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please let us know early on if you are interested in attending any of the webinars this year. For more information about the webinars, please reach out to Lauren Cardoni at lcardoni@morpc.org.

- Central Ohio Greenways

  - The Central Ohio Greenways Board met on January 19 and welcomed new Board Chair Mike Andrako and new Board Member Wayne Roberts. The board recommended four updates to the Regional Trail Vision and reviewed goals for 2022.

  - A COG Forum was held on December 15 and focused on updates from Madison, Union, Delaware, Knox, Licking, and Pickaway counties.

  - The COG Operations & Access Working Group met on January 10 and is focused on the development of a wayfinding scope of work.

  - The COG Trail Development Working Group met on January 11 and is focused on updating and implementing the Regional Trail Vision.

insight2050:

- Outreach

  - Team members presented the latest development and demographic trends to the newest cohort of Leadership New Albany participants at their January meeting.

- LinkUS Mobility Initiative

  - Together with the Programming Department, team members are engaged in ongoing committee and working group meetings for the LinkUS Mobility Initiative, including metrics review and outreach.

- RAPID 5

  - A printed copy of the final visions for each corridor is now available. If you are interested in obtaining a hard copy, please contact Kerstin Carr (kcarr@morpc.org).

Regional Housing Strategy (RHS):

- Outreach

  - Team members participated in several community outreach events during this period, including presentations to the Midtown Area Real Estate Association and the Northeast Area Real Estate Association, as well as the livestreamed Columbus Dispatch Community Conversation, "Can People Afford to Live Here?"

- Implementation Assistance

  - MORPC members can look forward to an improved and expanded Regional Housing Strategy Resource Hub this spring. Resources will include examples of administrative and policy best practices, templates, and data, and they will promote the efforts of MORPC members and partners to advance the goals of the RHS. If your community or organization would like to share resources for inclusion in the Resource Hub, please contact us.

Sustainability

Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- The Sustainability Advisory Committee met on December 15, when the outgoing members were recognized for their service. This was Jim Schimmer's last meeting as chair, and his leadership and sense of humor will be missed. The MORPC team presented its 2021 program accomplishments to wrap up the year. The committee will welcome several new members at the next meeting, to be held on February 16 at 2:30 pm. A new member orientation meeting is scheduled for early February to review the committee's role, structure, and priorities. We are excited to welcome Mayor Ben Kessler, City of Bexley, who will serve as the chair of the committee.

Sustainable2050:

- The Sustainable2050 meeting on December 10 focused on energy and featured presentations from MORPC's new Energy & Sustainability Program Coordinator, Brian Filiatraut, about SolSmart and energy aggregation. The group also heard from guest speaker Tristan Rader on the Solar United Neighbors Solar Co-op program.

- After receiving member input, staff is excited to announce that the new Sustainable2050 certification framework is available for members to earn their tier status certification. There is also a new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) recognition level. Sustainable2050 members can contact Brandi Whetstone (bwhetstone@morpc.org) if they would like to move forward with tier status certification.

Water Resources Program:

- Sustaining Scioto Board

  - The Sustaining Scioto Board met on December 16. The board heard from Dr. Carrie Shaffer-Morrison on agricultural impacts to regional water quality. The board also reviewed the 2022 Sustaining Scioto scope of work.

  - Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team

    - The Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team met on January 20, led by new Chair Brian Brandt, from the American Farmland Trust. The team will be working on developing programming and outreach to the agricultural and rural communities in the Scioto Watershed focused on climate change adaptation and water quality.

- 208 Water Resources Planning

  - The completed technical report for Central Ohio Water Resources Planning for Morrow, Logan and Champaign counties will be submitted to the Ohio EPA at the end of January. The plan provides a description and characterization of the surface waters' quality of the watersheds in the project area based on data available from federal, state, and local sources. It also describes projected growth patterns and development trends and their implications on water quality and wastewater treatment needs.

Energy & Air Quality:

- Energy & Air Quality Working Group

  o The E&AQ Working Group met on November 23. he group heard from MORPC's John Gardocki about the LinkUS Mobility Initiative.

- Air quality specific activities

  o The Neighborhood Air Quality Monitoring program is moving ahead with 17 out of 20 monitors installed. The 20th monitor will be placed on the grounds of COSI. Franklin County Public Health and MORPC will collaborate with COSI staff to highlight the program to museum visitors.

- Energy specific activities

  o In continuing with SolSmart designations, a virtual training on Solar PV and Storage Safety was held on December 2.

  o Staff attended the first ever Energy Coalition Ohio (ECO) Conference on December 8 and 9. The conference featured energy experts who discussed various topics ranging from ways to utilize energy efficiency and renewable energy to spur economic development to the state of net metering and its future to a riveting roundtable discussion on the social and environmental importance of renewables.

  o Staff presented to the Rickenbacker Area Stakeholder Group on December 14 discussing energy opportunities in the area – SolSmart, energy aggregation, and revisiting the energy-specific recommendations made in the Rickenbacker Energy Study.

  o In collaboration with the City of Columbus, Solar United Neighbors, IMPACT Community Action, and Simply Living, MORPC attended the first of six workshops as part of the 2022 Rocky Mountain Institute Solarize Cohort focused on developing a residential solar co-op in the greater Columbus region.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund:

- The District 3 Natural Resource Assistance Council met on January 10 for Preliminary Screener Application Presentations. Applicants gave ten-minute presentations about their proposed projects and fielded questions from the committee. The committee members in turn provided feedback to applicants where necessary for a more competitive final application. The committee will visit project sites in March.

Data, Mapping & Modeling

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC):

- RDAC had its fourth quarterly meeting of 2021 on December 7. The committee discussed membership changes, as some had an expiring term at the end of the year. Some of the new members were introduced at this meeting: Sierra MacEachron,

Franklin County Public Health; Andrew Wilson, City of Hilliard; Harvey Miller, OSU CURA.

- The Committee also discussed rosters for three new or continuing working groups -- (1) Local Government Resources, (2) Capacity Building & Partnerships, and (3) Municipal Fiber Strategy. Members of the three groups met in breakout sessions to discuss priority action items, group leadership, and potential additions to the groups (from outside RDAC).

- Working Groups
  - The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group created an email and information for MORPC to use to solicit letters of intent for the municipal fiber backbone.
  - The Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit Working Group had its final meeting on December 16. The work started by this group will transition into the new Local Government Resources Working Group as their first priority action item in 2022. Members of the previous group updated members of the new working group on their progress crafting a data policy needs survey instrument and collecting survey data from local governments in Central Ohio. Members discussed the transition process. Some of the previous members have volunteered to continue in the new working group to help move the project forward.
  - The Regional Information & Data Group had its fourth quarterly meeting of 2021 on December 1. The main theme of the meeting was data storytelling, featuring a presentation from Michael Wilkos (UWCO). There were 41 attendees in this virtual meeting.

Data Management

- Data Systems
  - The data team created an improved process for collecting data on new residential construction from the City of Columbus building permit web service. The benefits are two-fold:
    - Reduces network data storage by directly accessing the web service rather than downloading and storing large files.
    - Reduces staff time by automatically filtering out permits that are not new construction (e.g., roof, deck) and by scraping web data from the city to quickly determine the number of units in new multifamily buildings.
- Data Sharing
  - The data team produced a dashboard for the recently launched Population Resource Hub (www.morpc.org/popdata), which highlights diversity in Central Ohio counties using American Community Survey census data.
- Data Outreach
  - Staff worked with the Ohio Department of Development as part of the State Data Center program to make recommendations in the Census PUMA (Public Use Microdata Areas) delineation process for 2020.

- Staff worked with ODOT and TID staff to develop an approach, review results, and make final recommendations.
  - Staff worked with OSU Center for Urban and Regional Analysis on finalizing our co-application to the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP). The application is nearly complete and will be submitted for NNIP review by March 2022.

Data Analytics, Mapping, and Research:

- Data & Research Activities
  - Data and research activities are focused on inputs to the land use allocation model for the coming cycle of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan / CORPO Transportation Plan.
    - Internal review of draft county population projections.
    - Setting up process and conducting research for other county control totals (e.g., households, labor force, employment).
    - Building permit data collection and mapping.
- Mapping Activities
  - Maps were created for CORPO projects & state capital budget projects.
  - Existing land use and future land use at the parcel level is being updated as part of the 2024 MTP.
  - Worked with ODOT consultant related to Location Based Response System (LBRS) data consumption.
  - Updated data to support Level of Traffic Stress scores and other Active Transportation Plan (ATP) metrics.
  - Updated group quarters data as part of the land use model preparation.
  - Incorporated member comments to improve ATP storymap.
  - Coordinated and resolved editing issues with Franklin LBRS data.
  - Creation of 3D base for ESRI Urban continues.
  - Created map showing hospitals for Washington Township Fire.
- Modeling Activities
  - Reviewed scripts and process for land use model in preparation for MTP.
  - Reviewed TAZ and MAZ structure based on 2020 data.
  - INRIX and TIP network conflation as part of better data sharing for the model
  - US23 T2C Connect network update
  - Model work as part of LinkUS project
  - Traffic Growth Rate requests for various locations
  - Traffic Count Program maintenance
  - Met with Upper Arlington staff about Traffic Count program

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

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MORPC in the News:

- U.S. Route 23: ODOT looking at ways to improve traffic flow through Delaware County
- MORPC Matters: Investing in Ohio's infrastructure will pay long-term dividends
- Infrastructure projects top list of initiatives for city of Dublin in 2022
- The Future of Transportation in Columbus, Ohio
- Potential COTA Route Coming to West Campus, Awaits Federal Funding
- U.S. 33 traffic study underway
- Amtrak president talks chances of expansion in Ohio
- Who in the world is doing public transit well, even during a pandemic?
- Here's the Latest on Amtrak's Plans for New Ohio Service
- Amtrak station plans a step closer for Columbus
- Greater Columbus Convention Center under consideration as Amtrak station site
- MORPC Matters: New year brings several planning priorities for central Ohio

Digital Content:

- Careers, OU Partnership, eSource, MORPC Matters, Greenways, Weatherization/Home Repair, Air Quality, Vision Zero, RFPs/RFQs, LinkUS, Complete Streets, Gohio, Trails, RAPID 5, Holidays, Public Comment Periods, State of the Region, Climate Action Columbus, Rentful, Paving the Way
- Top Digital Content (Twitter)
  - November, 2021
  - December, 2021
  - January, 2021 (as of 1/18/2022)

Diversity & Inclusion:

- In early January, the first Diversity & Inclusion Committee meeting of the year was held. We have three new members for a total of 10 MORPC employees who represent each department.
- MORPC launched a new partnership with HBCU Connect to attract new talent for current full-time and internship job opportunities.

Public Involvement & Engagement:

- MORPC partnered with the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), during *Columbus week* to host a seminar, *Recruiting and Retaining Employees in a Post COVID-19 Work Environment*. MORPC is attending their community service & networking event(s). And COMTO highlighted MORPC as a 2021 Key Partner and featured our internal job postings on COMTO's newly created job board.

- MORPC participated on a panel for the Central Ohio Diversity Consortium (CODC) Forum, *Diversity: Where we have been and where we are headed*. This was a great opportunity for MORPC to highlight its public engagement, outreach, and DE & I efforts.

- From late November to early January, the Regional Mobility Plan public comment period was heavily promoted on social media and the website. We also promoted the ODOT District 6 public comment period on the Far East Freeway and the LinkUS Mobility Survey on social media.
  - Social media (shared on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn):
    - [ODOT District 6 Comment Period](#)
    - [ODOT District 6 Comment Period](#)
    - [Regional Mobility Plan Public Comment](#)
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    - [LinkUS Mobility Survey](#)
  - Website (morpc.org):
    - [Feedback Requested on Regional Mobility Plan](#)

Events:

- MORPC partnered with Spectrum on a web series focused on rural broadband on November 19, 2021. The recording can be viewed [here](#). The final web series will be held in February and will focus on Smart Cities. More details to come!

- MORPC held a virtual forum focused on Park Land Donation on December 1, 2021. The forum focused on land donations for community park purposes that can be a tremendous amenity for your local government. These land donations can also come with unknown costs to actualize, operate, and maintain.

- On December 9, 2021, MORPC held an in-person forum, *The Future of Work: The Near Normal*. Attendees learned about the results of a key study on the future of work, which

highlighted information on what this *NEAR* normal is and what steps are needed to advance workforce equity.

- Save the Date for MORPC's annual [State of the Region](#) on March 16, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. This year's event will be held in person at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

- Be sure to save the date for other important events hosted by MORPC alongside our partners throughout 2022:
    - Three-part Web Series focused on Smart Cities sponsored by Spectrum, February 18, 2022
    - NARC 56th Annual Conference & Exhibition, June 12-15, 2022, Hilton Columbus Downtown
    - Ohio Conference on Freight, June 2022 (date to be announced)
    - OARC Gubernatorial Luncheon, August 26, 2022, Hilton Columbus Downtown
    - Summit on Sustainability, October 14, 2022, Hilton Columbus Downtown

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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
                 Transportation Policy Committee
                 Transportation Advisory Committee
                 Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea J. Ewing, Chief Regional Development Officer and Sr. Director of Programming

DATE: January 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-1-22: **"Accepting MORPC as the Prime Holder of the Gohio Platform Contract, including Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility, for the Ohio Association of Regional Councils with RideAmigos"**

Proposed Resolution T-1-22 accepts MORPC as the prime contract holder with RideAmigos and subcontracts with Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) and other participants for transportation demand management ridematching and mode shift services through Gohio Commute and its mobility matching search tool, Gohio Mobility.

Following the success of Gohio Commute since its launch in 2017, MORPC worked with ODOT and OARC to extend, enhance, and leverage the platform to include Gohio Mobility, a mobility matching search tool, and make the entire Gohio platform statewide.

Gohio Commute provides statewide access to commuter, traveler, and mode shift resources in Ohio that are used to decrease the use of single occupant vehicle travel to reduce congestion and improve air quality via free carpool and vanpool matching services to the public, promoting ridesharing. The system also provides information to commuters who might be interested in other modes such as walking, biking, or taking transit. Commuting options can help companies realize and deploy mobility as a benefit and create solutions for workforce mobility.

Gohio Mobility will provide a statewide mobility search tool to help individuals, caregivers, mobility managers, and social service agencies in urban and rural areas find transportation services. Gohio Mobility will assist in coordinating transportation for medical, work, and social trips. This tool will host transportation provider data that can be identified based on specific search criteria. This has been designed for use by older adults, people with disabilities, or other non-drivers.

Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility are key elements of implementing the demand management strategies in the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation (MTP). These programs specifically relate to implementation of these MTP strategies:

- DM 4: Educate and market travel demand management (TDM) programs to increase use of transit, rideshare, bicycling, and walking
- DM 5: Create travel demand management (TDM) partnerships among the facilitators and providers of all modes of transportation, community leaders, and institutions that make up high-density trip generating districts
- DM 7: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

OARC sought proposals for these services to create statewide efficiencies for these platforms. Using these two platforms will capitalizes on the various personal mobility options available to the public, as well as promote place-making, quality of life developed, and economic development opportunities. The Gohio platform will have the capability for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and other partners to manage services and relationships with local governments, employers, area mobility managers, transportation providers, and human service agencies.

A copy of the RideAmigos proposal is available upon request.

Attachment: Resolution T-1-22

RESOLUTION T-1-22

"Accepting MORPC as the Prime Holder of the Gohio Platform Contract, including Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility, for the Ohio Association of Regional Councils with RideAmigos"

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

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) by Resolution T-6-20; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is a member of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) with other Ohio MPOs that have air quality and rideshare programs; and

WHEREAS, OARC has a Rideshare and Air Quality Subcommittee that is committed to promoting rideshare, improving air quality, and supporting mobility matching administration in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, OARC and MORPC successfully launched Gohio Commute in 2017 as a transportation demand management system for ridematching and mode shift; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee and MORPC worked with ODOT to extend, enhance and leverage the Gohio platform to include Gohio Mobility, a mobility matching search tool, and make the entire Gohio platform statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee members included staff from MORPC and the following MPOs
1. Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS)
2. Eastgate Regional Council of Governments [Youngstown]
3. Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) [Dayton]
4. Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) [Cleveland]
5. Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) [Cincinnati]
6. Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)
worked collectively through the process in selecting a vendor; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee unanimously selected RideAmigos as the vendor for the Gohio Platform to include Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility; and

WHEREAS, other entities such as employers, mobility managers, human service agencies, activity centers, the public and local governments in Ohio will have the opportunity to use it; and

WHEREAS, Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility relate to the goals, objectives and strategies identified in MORPC's 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, specifically implementation of strategies -- DM 4: Educate and market travel demand management (TDM) programs to increase use of transit, ride-share, bicycling, and walking; DM 5: Create travel demand management (TDM) partnerships among the facilitators and providers of all modes of transportation, community leaders, and institutions that make up high density trip generating districts; DM 7: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration – and

Resolution T-1-22

WHEREAS, MORPC's Executive Director will be authorized to enter into a contract with RideAmigos as described in MORPC Commission Resolution 1-22; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at its meeting on January 31, 2022 and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at its meeting on February 2, 2022 recommended adoption of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1.   That it hereby accepts MORPC as the prime holder of the RideAmigos contract and subcontract with OARC MPOs and others.

Section 2.   That the Executive Director is authorized to enter into a contract with RideAmigos as described in MORPC Commission Resolution 1-22.

Section 3.   That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT and OARC members as evidence of this acceptance by the Transportation Policy Committee.

Section 4.   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 J. Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Date

Prepared by: MORPC Programming Staff

Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea J. Ewing, Chief Regional Development Officer and Sr. Director of Programming

DATE: January 25, 2022

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-2-22: **"Adopting the 2021-2026 Regional Mobility Plan for ODOT Human Services Transportation Coordination Region 6"**

As required by federal law, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) developed the Regional Mobility Plan for the nine counties in the Ohio Department of Transportation Human Service Transportation Coordination (HSTC) Region 6: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Fayette, Licking, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union counties.

This plan is the Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan for ODOT HSTC Region 6 – also known as the Regional Mobility Plan. This is the first time these nine counties have been combined into one regional coordinated plan, better aligning the region. The plan helps determine how existing transportation services can be better coordinated and how new funding and other resources should be used to improve transportation services for the transportation-disadvantaged population with local and regional goals.

This plan is maintained to keep the counties in ODOT HSTC Region 6 eligible to apply for and receive Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, 5310 and 5311 funding for specialized transportation projects as administered by MORPC and ODOT. Section 5310 funds are specifically to be used to enhance transportation for older adults and people with disabilities.

To improve transportation services for underserved populations and ensure coordination of transportation resources, the Regional Mobility Plan identifies gaps between existing transportation resources and transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes.

The Regional Mobility Plan includes goals pertaining to three major categories of strategies: those pertaining directly to expanding and improving transportation services, those that relate to programs to improve access to transit, and those that improve awareness of current programs and services.

This plan will serve as a reference by which the community can determine how existing transportation services can best be used and how new funding and other resources should be used to improve future transportation needs. Representatives from the public and private sector, including human services organizations, the transit authorities, local governments, and the business community, worked together to develop the Regional Mobility Plan.

Resolutions of approval for the ODOT HSTC Region 6 Regional Mobility Plan signal support for the findings, goals, strategies, and action steps outlined in the document and contribute to each county's eligibility for FTA Section 5310 funding, and other FTA discretionary and formula funding, to enhance transportation for older adults and people with disabilities. County commissioners of Fairfield, Fayette, Logan, Madison, and Pickaway counties have passed resolutions approving the Regional Mobility Plan. Licking County Area Transit Study passed a resolution of approval for Licking County. Union County approval is expected

This plan is a key element of implementing operation and transit infrastructure strategies in the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This plan specifically relates to the implementation of these MTP strategies:

- OP 8: Manage, improve, and coordinate human service, private and public transportation, to better meet the needs and fill the gaps
- OP 12: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration
- TRAN 7: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

The passing of this resolution by the MORPC Transportation Policy Committee contributes to the eligibility for Franklin and Delaware Counties.

Attachment: Resolution T-2-22

RESOLUTION T-2-22

"Adopting the 2021-2026 Regional Mobility Plan for ODOT HSTC Region 6"

WHEREAS, under the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), the development of a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan ("Coordinated Plan") is required to receive federal funding under the transit program: Enhanced Mobility of Older Adults and & People with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) by Resolution T-6-20; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Mobility Plan serves as the Coordinated Plan for the nine (9) counties in Ohio Department of Transportation Human Service Transportation Coordination (ODOT HSTC) Region 6: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Fayette, Licking, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union counties; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Mobility Plan will fulfill the Enhanced Mobility of Older Adults and People with Disabilities funding requirement for the nine (9) counties in ODOT HSTC Region 6; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is the designated recipient to administer the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds received under the Coordinated Plan for the Columbus, Ohio urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is the designated coordinating agency responsible for leading the development of the Regional Mobility Plan for ODOT HSTC Region 6; and

WHEREAS, MORPC maintains objectives, policies, procedures, and administrative requirements documented in its Program Management Plan (PMP) filed with the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, to improve transportation services for underserved populations and ensure coordination of transportation resources, a Coordinated Plan is developed for the nine (9) counties in ODOT HSTC Region 6 to identify gaps between existing transportation resources and transportation needs of individuals with disabilities and older adults; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Mobility Plan outlines goals and strategies at the regional level and locally for Delaware and Franklin counties, these pertaining to supporting transportation services and improving access and awareness for available transportation programs and services; and

WHEREAS, to address the strategies, any eligible entity, individually or in conjunction with a public or private partner, may apply for a grant using the funds identified above; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the public and private sectors, including human services organizations, transit authorities, local governments, other transportation providers, representatives of higher education institutions, and the business community, worked together to develop the Regional Mobility Plan; and

Resolution T-2-22

WHEREAS. This plan is a key element of implementing operation and transit infrastructure strategies in the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This plan specifically relates to the implementation of these MTP strategies – OP 8: Manage, improve, and coordinate human service, private and public transportation, to better meet the needs and fill the gaps; OP 12: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration; TRAN 7: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at its meeting on January 31, 2022 and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at its meeting on February 2, 2022 recommended adoption of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1.   That the Regional Mobility Plan be adopted as the official coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan for Delaware and Franklin counties.

Section 2.   That MORPC will continue to maintain its PMP and assist subrecipients.

Section 3.   That it recommends eligible applicants incorporate or support proposed strategies into the planning and program efforts to improve transportation options in the region.

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

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Date

Prepared by: MORPC Programming Staff