NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Monday, July 29, 2019
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

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

II. 5:32 p.m. Approval of June 3, 2019 Minutes (enclosed)

III. 5:35 p.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report (enclosed) - Thea Walsh, MORPC
  - Transit Agency Reports
    o Delaware County Transit Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC
    o COTA Update – Doug Arseneault, COTA
  - Monthly Report: Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC
  - Monthly Report: Planning & Sustainability – Kerstin Carr, MORPC

IV. 6:00 p.m. Proposed Resolutions
  - Proposed Resolution T-11-19: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program” (enclosed) – Nick Gill, MORPC

V. 6:10 p.m. 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
  - MTP Candidate Projects – Maria Shaper, MORPC
  - 2016 – 2040 MTP Report Card (handout) – Maria Shaper, MORPC

VI. 6:30 p.m. Informational Items
  - TRAC Project Introduction – Nathaniel Kaelin, Dina Lopez, MORPC
  - MORPC Focused Effort for the Mobility Innovation Test on 3rd St. – Lexi Petrella, MORPC
  - Commuter Challenge – Lexi Petrella, MORPC
VII. 6:55 p.m. Other Business – Committee Business – Bernice Cage, MORPC

VIII. 7:00 p.m. Adjourn

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I. Welcome & Introductions

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

II. Approval of April 29, 2019 Minutes

- Chair Girves presented a motion to approve the minutes; Larry Robertson moved; Ira Weiss seconded; and the motion carried.

III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report

- Nathaniel Kaelin discussed TRAC, the funding for major/new projects which ODOT maintains. There were 7 new applications received from the MPO area. The projects will be formally presented at the August meeting. ODOT has asked the MPO to prioritize and communicate it back in a public hearing. These projects include:
  - Delaware Point - US 36/37 Split
  - Far East Freeway - Phase I, 270/70
  - Far East Freeway - Phase 2 & 3, Brice & I-70
  - South Outerbelt – US 23 & I-270
  - South Outerbelt – I-71N Stringtown to I-270
  - US 33 Southeast, Fairfield County – Pickerington Rd Intersection
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- US 33 Northwest, SR161/Post Rd Interchange

- Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)
  - MORPC issued an RFP for proposals for a consultant to look at 3 to 6 out of 43 of our projects and identify new and innovative public and private partnerships and financial strategies. Two responses have been received. More information to come around mid-fall.

- Idle Free Schools Initiative
  - With regard to the Idle Free Schools item in the Monthly Report, Bill Allman asked how many partner educators we have at various schools and if there is a goal to have a partner educator at a certain percentage of schools. Dr. Brooke White explained that it’s a brand-new program, so we don’t currently have a goal, but we will evaluate over the summer.

- DATABus
  - DATA Bus will be working in conjunction with the Delaware City/County Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) as well as Age Friendly Delaware to develop strategies to address transportation issues as noted in each report. DATA Bus will be receiving its first traditional Transit style vehicle in the coming weeks.
  - DATA Bus is still evaluating proposals for Scheduling and Dispatching software.

- COTA
  - Jeff Pullin, COTA
    - COTA participated in Grove City Infrastructure week hosted by the Grove City Mayor.
    - In July, COTA will launch the Grove City micro-transit project, known as COTA Plus. This first of its kind service integrates technology with a micro-transit solution to provide customers with further access to jobs, healthcare and more, while also offering a fast, convenient and comfortable transit solution.
    - COTA Mainstream on Demand launched in May for ADA customers. The service increased to have them beyond the typical route services.
    - This is the second year for vehicle maintenance internship for high school students.
    - In July, COTA will be starting their first mobility innovation test near 3rd St. Designated mobility lanes will be created that allows buses to share a lane with bikes and scooters. There was concern expressed for bike riders that do not feel safe with motor vehicles in designated lanes. Jeff stated that this is a tentative location and will take the concerns back to COTA.

- Monthly Report – Planning & Sustainability- Stephen Patchan, MORPC
MORPC participated in the 2019 Riverfest in June. Because of MORPC and its partners, this event was free for participants.

IV. Proposed Resolutions

- **Proposed Resolution T-8-19:** “Amending the State Fiscal YEAR 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Project (TIP)” (enclosed) – Ronni Nimps, MORPC
  
  Three projects were modified:
  
  o Columbus has requested the advancement of construction funding for the South Hamilton Road project (PID 95570) in the TIP.
  
  o COTA has requested the modification of Section 5307 funding for the Fields Compressed Natural Gas Rehabilitation project (PID 95037) in the TIP.
  
  o ODOT District 6 has requested the modification of I-70/I-71 Innerbelt Phase 3B (PID 105453) to increase the amount of construction funds in the TIP.

  The Chair presented a motion to approve the resolution; Ira Weiss moved; Len Fisher seconded; and the motion carried.

- **Proposed Resolution T-9-19:** “Modifying MORPC - Attributable Funding Commitments” (enclosed) – Nathaniel Kaelin, MORPC
  
  o This resolution modifies the funding commitments approved in March via Resolution T-2-19 following completion of the biennial process cycle of MORPC-attributable transportation funding. Attachment 1 to the proposed resolution is a summary of all the recommended commitments of MORPC-attributable funding commitments for SFY 2020 with the proposed modifications.
  
  o The modifications remove funding from Dublin’s Tuttle Road project, commit funding for Union County’s US 33/SR 161 and Post Road project, and advance two City of Columbus Hamilton Road projects.
  
  o There was discussion regarding projects that add capacity such as the Union County US 33/SR 161 Post Road interchange and how it leads to sprawl and be counter to sustainability goals. Staff responded that MORPC uses its funding to fund a variety of projects and all types of projects are evaluated and important in advancing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan goals.

  The Chair presented a motion to approve the resolution; Ira Weiss moved; Bill Curtis seconded; the motion carried with 2 opposed and 1 abstained.

V. **2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

- **Proposed Resolution T-10-19:** “Adoption of Independent Regional Land Use Variables for Inclusion in the 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan” (enclosed) – Cheri Mansperger and Maria Schaper, MORPC
  
  o MORPC prepares land use data sets as part of the regional transportation planning process. The data are a primary data input into the regional travel demand model, which provides guidance for determining future transportation projects.
The land use data is prepared at the geography of Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs), which is the geography recognized in the travel demand model. The TAZ boundaries do not necessarily correlate to political boundaries. The data are developed for the MORPC modeling collection area, which includes Franklin, Delaware and Licking counties, and adjacent townships in Fairfield, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties.

MORPC works with LCATS to prepare the data sets for Licking County.

The land use data was presented at MORPC committees and made available to local governments and the public via web maps for review and comment. Comments and revisions were incorporated as appropriate into the land use forecasts prior to finalization.

This data will be made available at the TAZ level in a useful format for government planning and private development use.

There was a question asking if MORPC considers all information that is captured confidential and is there any concern with having the information hacked or used for a competitive advantage. Bernice Cage answered that MORPC is aware and constantly taking care of the information and controlling what goes public.

An interactive web map for candidate project collection launched on June 3rd. The website is best accessed with Chrome or Firefox. This can be found at:

http://morpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Crowdsource Reporter/index.html?ap id=5b842ecac9e64683b092a9b5f3dcd2ca

The presentation can be found by clicking here.

The Chair presented a motion to approve the resolution; Len Fisher moved; LaGrieta Holloway seconded; and the motion carried.

VI. Informational Items

- Local Community Update – Mike Barker, New Albany
  Mike Barker from the city of New Albany discussed the latest information on the population, commercial growth, employment, and land use. The master plan to protect long-term investments includes:
    - Creating a Balanced Community
    - Convenient, easily accessible location
      - Variety of residential options
      - Amenities-restaurants, retail, and services
      - Vibrant town center
    - Infrastructure & State of the Art Technology
    - Leisure trails, parks and green space
  - The presentation can be found by clicking here.

- Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan - Lauren Cardoni, MORPC
  - The Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan is a comprehensive safety plan for Central Ohio with a focus on fatal and serious injury crashes. It expands upon existing MORPC Safety Programs and provides a framework to identify, analyze, and prioritize safety improvements on locally maintained roadways.
Crash data from 2013 to 2017 was analyzed for the plan and four emphasis areas were identified: Serious Crash Types, Vulnerable Roadway Users, Driving Safety Concerns, and Emerging Technologies.

A question was raised concerning making cellphone use while driving illegal. The Chair stated that it has been passed in Bexley as a primary offense, and that state-wide it is a secondary offense.

A question was raised concerning any of the action plan items involving lowering the speed limit. Lauren stated that MORPC is working with local jurisdictions and ODOT on the speed limit conversation.

The presentation can be found by clicking here.

insight2050 Technical Assistance Program - Tobi Otulana, MORPC

The insight2050 Technical Assistance Program provides MORPC staff assistance to members within the MPO boundary to advance the vision and goals of the insight2050 initiative, MTP, and Regional Sustainability Agenda.

The objectives are to increase multi-modal transportation options enhance the quality of life improving mobility, access, safety and public health and improve connectivity with existing communities’ assets and support reinvestments in underutilized properties.

The projects types are Complete Streets, First-Last Mile, Low-Impact Transportation, Curbside Management, Shared Mobility, Conceptual Development Framework and others.

Applications opened July 1, 2019 and will close September 27, 2019. The awardees will be notified in December 2019.

The presentation can be found by clicking here.

Air Quality Update - Dr. Brooke White, MORPC

The Air Quality campaign includes strategies like nimble advertising to take advantage of air quality opportunities such as pushing ads when the air quality goes from moderate or higher.

Jonathan Kelley presented on the program to the Delaware City Schools Board. They voted to place Idle Free signage in parking lots in all Delaware City Schools.

The presentation can be found by clicking here.

VII. Adjourn

The Chair presented a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ira Weiss moved; Bill Curtis seconded; all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Bernice Cage, Secretary
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Transportation & Infrastructure Development
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Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- The collection of candidate projects is in full-swing with the recent opening of the interactive web map. The web map allows visitors to the site to comment on candidate projects and make their own suggestions by drawing them directly onto the map. The map will be open for comment through August. All candidate projects will then be evaluated using the adopted process and criteria. A draft list of strategies and included projects will be available this Fall.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services

Funding

- Team members completed the Columbus Urbanized Area funding split of the Federal Transit Administration’s FFY 2019 Urbanized Area formula funds. COTA, Delaware County Transit, Licking County Transit, and MORPC met on July 29th to discuss next steps.

- Bike share funding and opportunities were reviewed with Delaware County Transit.

5310 Designated Recipient

- MORPC executed FFY 2018 Section 5310 funding with the Federal Transit Administration for the City of Dublin, Clintonville Beechwold CRC, and the Hilltop Shalom to purchase transportation and other support services. Contracts are being circulated to each sub-recipient. As Direct Recipients, COTA and Delaware County Transit are working directly with FTA for operating and transportation services.

Gohio

- Team members launched a sustainable commute program with CAS. Response to the program has been favorable and the team looks forward to continual engagement with CAS employees.

- Team members started a new vanpool from Columbus to Chillicothe. Chillicothe Hospital employees continue to be excited about vanpooling to work. This van was the eighth vanpool to join the hospital vanpool program in less than 24 months.
• Gohio Commute continues discussion with several cities to help design a sustainable commute program for their city employees.

• Gohio team members presented to the Franklinton Board of Trade members with representatives from Columbus Public Health’s Creating Healthy Communities Program and Franklinton Cycle Works to discuss the importance of TDM programs within our region, communities, and businesses, and the impact sustainable transportation has on our economy and environment.

• Gohio and MORPC staff presented at the Diversity and Health Equity Summit at Columbus Public Health to discuss the benefits of sustainable transportation and connectivity for diverse populations in our community. The presentation included the importance of Gohio and other resources, education and outreach tools, and complete streets as integral opportunities for building healthy and equitable communities in our region.

• MORPC met with Smart Columbus and the software consultants of the Multi-Modal Trip Planning App (MMTPA), officially known as Pivot, to discuss incentive programs. MORPC’s Gohio Commute and the Smart Columbus MMTPA each have employer incentive programs to reduce single occupancy vehicles reducing congestion and improve air quality. Both platforms want to work together to achieve this goal. The next steps are being developed.

• The City of Columbus and COTA are demonstrating a shared pop-up mobility lane for buses, bikes, and scooters which will be accessible from July 22 through August 2, Monday - Friday, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. This tactical, urbanism inspired project, is a Mobility Innovation test to determine if shared mobility lanes can improve COTA service speed and reliability while also creating a safe environment for bikes and scooters. MORPC and Gohio staff are initiating a Focused Effort to evaluate the perceived comfort level and safety of bicyclists in the existing 3rd Street bike lane and the pop-up shared mobility lane. MORPC is providing this direct input opportunity to the bicycling community as they are vulnerable road users with regards to safety.

Transportation Planning Studies

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)

• For the Environmental Impact Study (EIS Study), MORPC submitted comments to the consultant on the existing conditions section of the study. Currently, MORPC is reviewing the route alternatives section and working with corridor partners on the public involvement meetings that will be taking place in September. The study continues to be slated for completion by the end of September.

• With regards to the Hyperloop Feasibility Study, MORPC is working with the consultant on the ridership forecasting methodology. The consultant will be submitting the freight demand methodology in late July. This study is slated for completion by the end of September.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

• The second quarterly newsletter was completed and is posted on the CORPO website. ODOT tasked RTPO’s in the state (including CORPO) to provide additional data on projects in their respective Transportation Plans. The data and metrics may assist ODOT in their
funding and selection process. Staff completed this for the projects in the CORPO Transportation Plan (CTP) and provided it to ODOT.

- CORPO subcommittee meetings are scheduled for August and September and will also act as Rural Consultation meetings, which were previously coordinated by ODOT directly.

**Infrastructure Funding**

**Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)**

- Applications for funding from Ohio Public Works Commission programs for local infrastructure projects in District 3 (Franklin County) are due at MORPC on September 9, 2019 at 5 p.m. Approximately $27 million in grants and loans are available. The Public Works Integrating Committee for District 3 will recommend assistance for projects starting construction in the SFY beginning July 1, 2020. Team members are available to answer prospective applicants’ questions by phone, email, and in-person by appointment.

- Applications for District 17 (includes Delaware, Licking and Fairfield counties) are due on October 4, 2019.

- Pre-applications for District 11 (includes Union County) are due on August 5, 2019. Final applications are due on October 25, 2019.

**Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)**

- NRAC met on June 4th to approve the criteria and policies for the next round of applications, for which screening applications are due in December 2019. Application materials will be available on MORPC’s website by August 30, 2019.

**INFRA**

- MORPC organized a meeting with the U.S. Department of Transportation to emphasize the importance of the INFRA grant for the Columbus Crossroads (I-70/I-71 Innerbelt) Phase 4 project. County and state officials joined in the meeting. Award announcements are expected before August 15, 2019.
Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

- The RDAC met on June 19, 2019 to discuss the creation of working groups to address four of the most pressing tasks outlined in the Regional Data Agenda. The working groups will be:
  - The Regional Data Users Group (RDUG)
  - Sustainability Dashboard Working Group
  - Local Government Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit Working Group
  - Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group.

  These groups will have kickoff meetings in August. Members were updated on MORPC’s census efforts, particularly about the City of Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee activities and an update of the May PSAP Meetings. Members also heard a presentation from Mackenzie King, Accenture, regarding the status of the Smart Columbus Operating System.

Smart Region Task Force

- The Smart Region Task Force met on July 9, 2019 to discuss activities for the second of their three deliverables, the Smart Region Playbook. The Task Force also discussed the status of the recently approved and first deliverable, Smart Streets Policy. The group attended a presentation from Mackenzie King from Accenture and Mandy Bishop from the City of Columbus regarding the status of the Smart Columbus Operating System.

Transportation

- The Data & Mapping and Traffic Modeling teams completed small area population and employment forecasts for the seven county modeling area. These forecasts are important inputs into the regional travel demand model used for the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

- Data & Mapping staff developed a webmap to gather public input on proposed projects for the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The map allows for public comments on proposed projects, and for users to propose new projects by drawing them on the map.

Data & Mapping Outreach and Collaboration

- The Data & Mapping and Planning & Sustainability teams, in partnership with the Ohio State’s Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, continue to make progress on the Central Ohio Sustainability Dashboard. This will be a dynamically-fed data dashboard that tracks progress toward the metrics in MORPC’s Regional Sustainability Agenda.

- Director Aaron Schill continues to represent MORPC on the Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee. The kick-off meeting of the Local Government Subcommittee of the Complete Count Committee will be on July 30th at MORPC. The subcommittee has been formed to identify resources, information, and strategies to support local governments in reaching out to their residents and will meet periodically in-person and via conference calls.
from July through the end of 2019, and then with more frequency from January 2020 through April 2020.

- Director Aaron Schill served on the Workshop Investigators and Steering Committee to coordinate a workshop sponsored by OSU and Portland (Oregon) State University. The workshop was a two-day event (July 15 – 16) entitled, “New Mobility and Cities: Exploring a Research Network of Urban Sustainability Observatories via Data-Enabled University-Community Partnerships.” This workshop relates to the RDAC’s Sustainability Dashboard Working Group mentioned above.

- Director Aaron Schill is serving on the Smart Columbus Operating System Charter Team to develop a sustainability plan for the operating system following completion of the Smart Columbus grants. As part of this work, MORPC will convene a workshop to research how the Smart Columbus Operating System can solve problems for local municipalities.

- Director Aaron Schill continues work with ULI Managing for Growth Task Force. This group is exploring the creation of a comprehensive development dashboard for Central Ohio that would be created and maintained by MORPC.

- Director Aaron Schill and Data Manager Liz Whelan attended the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership’s June Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At the three-day event, Aaron led the session “All of the Data About Housing” relating to MORPC’s upcoming Regional Housing Strategy project.

- Along with other MORPC leadership, Director Aaron Schill attended the Rural Member Workshop in Lancaster in June.

- Along with other MORPC leadership, Director Aaron Schill attended the MAPC/MORPC Peer Exchange in Boston, MA in June.

- GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger and Senior GIS Specialist Jason Kaper attended the annual ESRI User Conference in California in July.

- Data Analyst Natalie Hurst attended the Census Transportation Planning Package Session in June.

- GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger has been invited to join the ODOT LBRS (Location Based Response System) Steering Committee.

- GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger, Data Manager Liz Whelan, Travel Forecasting Manager Zhuojun Jiang, and Associate Engineer Hafiz Khan won the NADO Award of Excellence in Regional Transportation for their land use model methodology, *Logistic Model Concept in Future Land Use Allocation Methodology*. NADO is the National Association of Development Organizations.
Active Transportation Planning

- **Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG):** As part of the ATWG meeting, local experts presented on project types included in MORPC’s Technical Assistance Program (TAP), and COTA provided an update regarding their new Mobility Innovations Test program.

- **On July 15, MORPC hosted a stakeholder meeting for ODOT’s Walk. Bike. Ohio Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.** Over 40 regional stakeholders, practitioners, and residents attended the meeting. The main focus of the meeting was to gather stakeholder input to inform the vision and goals for the plan and then understand what the primary challenges are for practitioners trying to create more walkable and bikeable communities.

- **Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts:** The MORPC team commenced the 2019 short duration data collection effort and will be working with regional partners to conduct trail counts at identified locations throughout the region as part of MORPC’s trail count program.

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- **Corridor Concepts:** The team continues to work with local governments on strategies on how to implement some of the corridors. Staff presented the study results at the Stabilizing Families Learning Exchange.

- **Technical Assistance Program (TAP):** Program marketing materials were finalized in preparation for the July 1st application opening, including updating the information on the website and developing a flyer. The TAP team has begun marketing the program to MORPC members at various committee meetings and Franklin County Public Health meetings. The TAP team and stakeholders are working to finalize scoring criteria associated with the Competitive Application questions and identify regional stakeholders to participate in the evaluation committee.

- **Academy:** The Fall 2019 insight2050 Academy will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on five (5) successive Fridays, beginning September 27, 2019. The academy will incorporate their third session into the insight2050 breakout at the October 11, 2019 Summit on Sustainability. The Academy, organized in partnership with the OSU Knowlton Alumni Society, is aimed at planning and design professionals and will focus on the challenges of affordable housing.

- **Regional Housing Strategy:** MORPC has entered into contract negotiations with a national consulting firm to undertake a regional housing strategy for Central Ohio. With this project, MORPC, the City of Columbus, and other regional partners will examine the current landscape of housing supply or lack thereof along with additional data to provide a comprehensive view of today’s housing market.

The regional housing strategy will:
- offer recommendations for investment priorities for the region’s public and not-for-profit housing dollars to achieve the greatest impact on affordability in our market
- identify gaps where new funding streams can be developed based on strategies from other markets around the country
• identify structural impediments to the development of sufficient housing to meet demand in the market and suggests regulatory strategies

• set forth metrics for individual communities and the region as a whole to judge the performance of the regional housing market in meeting the needs of our residents

A comprehensive report will present the details of the strategy. The project will commence in July 2019 and will conclude no later than Q1 2020.

**Transportation Safety**

- **Meeting Coordination:** MORPC hosted and facilitated the third meeting of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Transportation Safety Working Group in July. FHWA, ODOT, and peer Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) from around the state provided updates on current projects.

  Team members also attended meetings of the Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee, Traffic Records Coordinating Committee, Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review Board, and a National Highway Institute (NHI) workshop on pedestrian safety.

- **Regional Safety Plan:** The Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan and High Injury Network map were completed and highlighted in the June CAC/TAC and Commission meetings. The Plan is expected to be officially released in September 2019.

- **Data Analysis/Reporting:** Planning & Sustainability team members have been coordinating with members of the Transportation & Infrastructure Development team to evaluate 2019 TRAC projects. The Planning & Sustainability team will complete the safety analysis portion of the evaluation for each project.

**Sustainable2050**

- **Member Engagement:** The quarterly member meeting took place on June 12 at MORPC. The primary topic of discussion was food waste recycling, where SWACO presented the Central Ohio Food Waste Action Plan. Members also participated in a roundtable discussion about recycling and food waste. The June monthly update to Sustainable2050 members provided information and resources regarding the insight2050 Technical Assistance Program, Local Government Energy Partnership, grant opportunities, and partner updates. Team members also made updates to the eligible activities for tier status certification to better reflect the types of activities that Associate Members can count toward their tier status certification.

  Team members also attended the Dublin Sustainability Advisory Team meeting.

**Greenways & Water Resources Program**

- **Central Ohio Greenways Board:** The Central Ohio Greenways Board met on July 24th. The agenda items focused on how the COG working group projects that have been influenced by the recent Planning Study completed earlier this year. Major recommendations included prioritizing projects and aligning the mission to positive impacts linked to four pillars: Health, Economy, Environment, and Social Equity. The Trail Development working group is
beginning to prioritize the 500 miles of proposed trails through an effort that is expected to identify and rank logical trail projects based on objective data. The Partnership working group is preparing to conduct an “Impact of Trails Study,” which will largely be funded through a Grant from the Columbus Foundation’s Green Funds program. The Operations & Access working group is continuing to look at best practices for wayfinding on trails and plans to host a COG Board Member ride in September. The Marketing & Communications working group continues to support COG advocates through a social media marketing effort. Since the beginning of 2019, COG’s Facebook page has already doubled its 2018 reach.

- **Central Ohio Water Resources Working Group:** The Water Resources Working Group (WRWG) met on May 30th, where the group received a policy update at both the State and Federal levels. Partners in attendance provided updates and participated in a workshop regarding the City of Columbus Stormwater Drainage Manual (SWDM). The MORPC team also shared that while the June 8th Riverfest day was cancelled due to unsafe water conditions, over 450 people participated on June 9th.

### Energy & Air Quality

- **Air Quality Marketing and Outreach:** The air quality marketing campaign will use similar strategies from last year including pushing out advertising during periods of higher air pollution and incentivizing air quality alert notification subscriptions. However, this year new creative assets for a greater focus on health-impacted demographics are being developed and used and a new email and text notification systems are in development. Strategy development for vulnerable communities is being implemented.

- **Idle Free Schools:** Air Quality staff met with Delaware City Schools and American Lung Association partners to review last year’s successful program and developing new partnerships with Columbus City Schools and Indianola Informal. Team members are developing strategies to create a program and associated curriculum to extend the program to multiple schools and school districts.

- **Energy & Air Quality Working Group:** The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met on July 23rd. The Working Group heard from staff at the Ohio Environmental Council on the current Ohio energy and air quality policy landscape. The Working Group also discussed implementation of the Energy and Air Quality Action Plan. Staff is forming working subcommittees to pursue achievement of the goals laid out in the Action Plan.

- **Local Government Energy Partnership:** A total of 19 communities are enrolled or interested in enrolling in the Benchmarking Program (32% of allowed participants). Staff is developing an increased outreach campaign with more direct member contact, including quarterly workshops to provide a forum for discussion. Coordination with AEP Ohio and Columbia Gas of Ohio’s Benchmarking programs continues in an effort to increase the impact of all programs. Staff is developing a new efficiency program for Columbia Gas of Ohio that would link local government leaders with efficiency opportunities in their communities. Staff is also working with Smart Columbus to coordinate activities of their Acceleration Program with LGEP.

- **Special Projects:** Team members have been involved with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Power Forward Data and Modern Grid working group to discuss data that are used in analyses performed for local governments. Staff has also been involved with the Distribution Planning Working Groups efforts to define Non-Wire Alternatives, which have a significant impact on the opportunities for distributed generation within the Region. Team members are currently participating in the Ohio Gas Access Partnership, looking to increase natural gas capacity in Union County. Staff advises as necessary in both environmental and
economic development capacities. Team members are preparing to develop a response to an EV Corridor funding opportunity through the FHWA. They are also preparing a new scope of work for HNTB to update greenhouse gas data for Smart Columbus. Team members continue to develop the City of Columbus Greenhouse Gas Inventory to support the City’s obligation through the Global Covenant of Mayors, which is nearing completion.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)**

- The SAC meeting took place on July 17, 2019 at MORPC. Both Ronn Stewart from Pizzuti and Mayor Ben Kessler from Bexley were welcomed as new members. The meeting included an update of the working group between the SAC and the Regional Data Advisory Committee to guide the development of a dynamic sustainability dashboard that represents the goals of the Regional Sustainability Agenda and a presentation of MORPC’s insight2050 Technical Assistance Program.

- **Regional Sustainability Dashboard:** MORPC and the OSU Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) are working in partnership to develop a dynamic interactive web dashboard based on the goals and objectives of the Regional Sustainability Agenda. This project is building upon the previous Regional Sustainability Agenda Report Card, which was released as a static report last year at the Summit on Sustainability. CURA is offering technical resources to create this customized dashboard in collaboration with MORPC’s Data & Mapping and Planning & Sustainability teams. A joint-working group between the SAC and RDAC has been formed to guide the development of the dashboard. Team members are working internally to review and acquire data that will feed the dashboard.
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Presentations & Outreach

• Updates on Air Quality Alerts, Gohio Commute, the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2020 Census Complete Counts were provided to the following:
  • North East Area Commission
  • North Central Area Commission
  • Milo Grogan Area Commission
  • Jewish Family Services
  • South Linden Area Commission
  • University Area Commission
  • Greater South East Area Commission
  • Franklin County Sheriff’s Office

• The results of the Rickenbacker Area Study were presented at the Columbus Metropolitan Club on July 10. Moderated by MORPC Director of Transportation & Infrastructure Development, the three panelists included representatives from the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, Franklin County and city of Groveport.

• Staff is seeking public involvement locations to present the RSTI results which will be released the end of September 2019.

News Releases and Social Media

The following press releases were distributed to the media:

• Television, eSource newsletter and social media topics included:
  o MORPC Receives 2019 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations
  o MORPC Seeks Public Input on TRAC Projects
  o Rickenbacker Area Study Open House
  o Approximately $27 Million available in Franklin County
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MORPC in the News

• During the months of June and July, MORPC was viewed in the print media, television and radio approximately 112 times with a reach of over 49 million. Of the mentions, 39 percent was on the Commuter Challenge and 26 percent was on Hyperloop.

• In social media, there were 332 MORPC mentions. Of the mentions, Columbus Underground’s posts highlighting William Murdock on the Confluence Cast podcast had the furthest reach, with each of six tweets reaching more than 171,000 people. Those were followed by ABC 6/Fox 28’s post on the Air Quality Alert June 27, and Virgin Hyperloop One highlighting its “Hyperloop on the Hill” event in D.C. on June 26.
Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
   Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
       Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: July 22, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-11-19: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program”

Proposed Resolution T-11-19 will modify one project on the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over $6 million. These changes are necessary to enable the project to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In August, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of the project, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components. Attachment 2 maps the project.

An explanation of the proposed change to the TIP follows.

ODOT District 6 has requested the modification of the Smart Mobility Corridor along US-33 from SR-347 to Avery Road (PID 106769) to increase the amount of construction funds in the TIP.

NTG:RN

Attachments:
- Proposed Resolution T-11-19
RESOLUTION T-11-19

“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-5-17; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has requested the modification of one project on the 2018-2021 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

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

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on July 29, 2019, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on July 31, 2019, recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2018-2021 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.

Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP is maintained.

Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as the projects are exempt from conformity requirements or have been included in the most recent air quality conformity approval.

Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP as modified.

Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT for appropriate action.
Section 6. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Rory McGuinness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2018-2021 TIP
Attachment 2: Map of Amended Projects
Resolution T-11-19
Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT 6  P ID: 106769  TIP ID: 3483  MTP ID: 334

Co-Route-Sec: LOG-US033-Sm Mob Sm Devcs  Length (mi.): 31.37
Project Type(s): Intelligent Vehicle Systems  Air Quality: Exempt

Description: Various local county roads and city streets along US-33 from SR-347 to Avery Rd, Intelligent Vehicle Systems, developing Smart Mobility Technology with roadside detection units, signal and pedestrian upgrades and local smart network improvements.

Bike Components: No change to existing conditions.
Ped Components: No change to existing conditions.

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Summary of Funding Sources

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Funds in FYs prior to 2018 are not included in this report nor in the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. LR = Long Range (after SFY 2021, the last year of the TIP). LR funds are shown for information only and are not included in the TIP.

Monday, July 15, 2019
Construction Phase
FY 2018-2021

Major Widening
New Road
New Interchange
Minor Widening/Safety Improvement
Interchange Modification
Intersection Modification
Maintenance/Resurfacing
Bridge Repair/Replacement
Traffic Signal Upgrade
Streetscape/Study/Other
Bikeway/Sidewalk/Transit
Streetscape/Study/Other

Construction Phase
after FY 2021
(Construction not part of TIP)

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This map prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and local communities.

Please check www.morpc.org for updates to this map and project listing.
Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
    Transportation Advisory Committee
    Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
      Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: July 24, 2019


As part of adopting or amending a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) or a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) MORPC must include demonstration of conformity of the MTP or TIP to Ohio EPA State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the region to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Appendix C of the MTP and Appendix 1 of the TIP provides this documentation.

This documentation is required for each new MTP and TIP or when there is an amendment for either the MTP or TIP which is not consistent with the projects included in the previous conformity determination. Another situation in which conformity must be determined is if the area’s designation is changed by U.S. EPA. The latter is the reason for this conformity determination resolution.

The U. S. EPA promulgated new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone in 2015 and subsequently designated the Columbus area consisting of the counties of Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin and Licking as non-attainment of the 2015 ozone standard effective August 2018. Within one year of the designation of the effective date of the non-attainment designation, a new conformity determination of the area’s MTP’s and TIP’s are required.

Proposed Resolution T-12-19 affirms the conformity of the 2016-2040 MTP and the SFY 2018-2021 TIP with the state implementation plan as documented in the June 2019 update to Appendix C of the MTP and appendix 1 of the TIP. The documentation is available at http://www.morpc.org/mtp2040/.

Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-12-19
RESOLUTION T-12-19

“DETERMINATION OF AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY OF MORPC’S 2016-2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SFY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM”

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) by Resolution T-8-16; and

WHEREAS, the MTP was amended by Resolution T-4-17; and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2018-2021 TIP was adopted by Resolution T-5-17; and

WHEREAS, a determination that the amended MTP and the SFY 2018-2021 TIP is in air quality conformity with the State Implementation Plan as documented in the April 2017 version of Appendix C of the MTP and April 2017 version of Appendix 1 of the TIP; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone in 2015; and

WHEREAS, U.S. EPA designated the Columbus area consisting of the counties of Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin and Licking as non-attainment of the 2015 ozone standard effective August 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, within one year of the designation of the effective date of the non-attainment designation, a new conformity determination of the area’s MTP’s and TIP’s are required; and

WHEREAS, an updated Appendix C of the MTP and Appendix 1 of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP has been prepared which show that the MTP and TIP are in air quality conformity with the State Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on July 29, 2019 and the Transportation Advisory Committee, at its meeting on July 31, 2019 recommended approval 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 affirms the conformity of the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the SFY 2018-2021 TIP with the State Implementation Plan.

Section 2. 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 McGuiness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Systems & Funding Staff