NOTICE OF A MEETING

CORPO COMMITTEE MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
Scioto CONFERENCE ROOM

05/15/2017
Time 2:00 – 3:30pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions – CORPO Chair Commissioner Steve Stolte (roster in packet)

2. January CORPO Meeting Minutes (January meeting summary in packet)

3. Timeline & Subcommittee Status - Mike Borger (CORPO flyer in packet)

4. Rural Transportation Plan – Mike Borger
   a. Public Involvement Document (included in packet)
   b. Goals and Objectives (included in packet)
   c. Existing Conditions
   d. Next steps

5. News / Funding / ODOT Updates - Nate Vogt, Nick Gill


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The next CORPO COMMITTEE Meeting is
January 8th, 2018 2:00pm – 3:30pm
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Scioto CONFERENCE ROOM

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CORPO Meeting Roster – May 15th 2017

CORPO Officers
Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioner and CORPO Chair
Brian Stewart, Pickaway County Commissioner and CORPO Vice Chair
Jeffry Harris, President, Area Development Foundation of Knox County, CORPO Secretary

Confirmed CORPO Committee Members
Terry Emery, City of Marysville City Manager
Jeff Stauch, Union County Engineer
Teresa Bemiller, Knox County Commissioner
Cameron Keaton, Knox County Engineer
Brian Ball, City of Mount Vernon Engineer
Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer
Mark Forest, Madison County Commissioner
Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer
Shane Farnsworth, Morrow County Development Director
Bart Dennison, Morrow County Engineer
Tom Whiston, Morrow County Commissioner
Steve Davis, Fairfield County Commissioner
David Levacy, Fairfield County Commissioner
Ira Weiss, Fairfield Heritage Trail Association and Fairfield County Planning Commission
Brad Irons, Marion County Engineer
Scott Schertzer, Mayor, City of Marion

Identified Alternates
Loudan Klein, Director, Fairfield County Planning Commission
Jim Bishoff, Director, Marion County Public Works
Bill Narducci, Union County Assistant Engineer
Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

Committee Meeting
January 6, 2017
2:00 – 3:30pm

Meeting Summary

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio

Attendance
Brian Ball, Mount Vernon Engineer
Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer
Mark Forrest, Madison County Commissioner
Holly Mattei, Fairfield County RPC
Bill Narducci, Union County
Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioner
Teresa Bemiller, Knox County Commissioner
Shane Farnsworth, Morrow County
Jeffry Harris, Knox County
Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer
Brian Stewart, Pickaway County Commissioner

MORPC Staff
Mike Borger
Nathaniel Vogt
Thea Walsh
Nick Gill
Maria Schaper

1. **RPO/RTPO Recap & Purpose.** Thea Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems and Funding welcomed and introduced the group to the first CORPO Committee meeting. Thea discussed the purpose of the RPO process.

2. **CORPO Bylaws, Additional Members & Officers.** Nick Gill, Assistant Director of Transportation and Systems and Funding read through the bylaws document and answered questions from CORPO members. A few edits were made to the document at the meeting. The Committee then voted to adopt the bylaws via a show of hands and they were approved. Gill also reminded the CORPO Committee that a third, appointed member should be selected. A reminder of suggested member options was shared. CORPO officers were also elected by the committee. Union County Commissioner Steve Stolte as Chair, Pickaway County Commissioner Brian Stewart as Vice Chair and Jeffry Harris, President of the Area Development Foundation of Knox County as Secretary.

3. **Development of RPO Transportation Plan.** Mike Borger, Senior Planner walked through the proposed timeline of the long range rural transportation plan being developed for CORPO. Elements of the plan and RPO planning factors were discussed with the group. Transportation plans developed by MORPC, RTPOs and other development agencies were shared with the committee as examples. A clarification of CORPO’s status was also shared. Currently, CORPO is a Rural Planning Organization (RPO) and a will vote to become a Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) after a long range transportation plan is submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in Summer of 2018. Goals and objectives of the transportation plan were discussed. The committee members suggested that issues such as transit, safety, trails, bikeways, infrastructure conditions, economic development and safety be represented in the goals and objectives.
The CORPO Committee members specifically mentioned:
- Address Aging infrastructure
- Economic vitality
- Safety
- System efficiency
- The rural/urban transition
- Comprehensive corridor approach to planning
- Engage and convene partners and voices
- Multi-purpose corridor planning - include utilities, water, broadband

The committee was asked to submit suggested goals and objectives to MORPC by January 30, 2017.

4. **County Subcommittee Expectations.** Thea Walsh and Mike Borger shared which counties had already formed County Subcommittees and reminded the CORPO Committee that the counties who had not formed subcommittees should do so. The purpose of the subcommittees is to guide and advise CORPO in the RPO planning process. CORPO members were asked to share the names of those chosen to sit on the subcommittees with MORPC after the meeting via email.

5. **Other Business.** Thea Walsh introduced a new MORPC initiative, Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP). CAP is a partnership between MORPC and Columbus 2020 that seeks to develop and maintain a list of vetted infrastructure projects that benefit economic and community growth. Walsh informed CORPO members that may have already been or will soon be contacted by a MORPC representative regarding this new program.
Counties agreed to join the RPO via memorandum of understanding and resolution.

- RTPOs are non-metropolitan areas that provide transportation planning support under contract to Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- RTPOs exist to assist ODOT with requirements for statewide planning in rural areas and to enhance outreach to local officials and the public.
- Authorized by ODOT, MORPC and seven rural counties have agreed to form a rural planning organization (RPO) to prepare a rural transportation plan.

**PROCESS OVERVIEW**

1. Counties agreed to join the RPO via memorandum of understanding and resolution.
2. CORPO Committee and county-level subcommittees established to guide transportation planning.
3. Transportation plan being developed by CORPO with support of MORPC staff.
4. Transportation plan with project list submitted to ODOT after adoption. CORPO considers RTPO status.

**GEOGRAPHY**

**TIMELINE**

2016
- FIRST CORPO COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
- CORPO & COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
- ODOT APPROVAL

2017
- SECOND CORPO MEETING HELD
- FISCAL ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATIONS COMPLETED
- CORPO PLAN & COUNTY PLAN SECTIONS FINALIZED

2018
- THIRD CORPO MEETING HELD
- CORPO TO VOTE ON RTP
- CORPO PLAN & COUNTY PLAN SECTIONS ADOPTED

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CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

May 2017
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INTRODUCTION

The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO), whose members include the counties of Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union was formed in 2016. CORPO was created as the forum to conduct coordinated, comprehensive and continuing regional transportation planning for this predominately rural area.

A primary product of the transportation planning will be a transportation plan.

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is providing the staff support to CORPO with funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

This document provides the structure by which member counties, local elected officials, businesses, organizations, private citizens, and any other interested parties from across the region may participate in the development of the CORPO Rural Transportation Plan.

Participation of CORPO members, subcommittees and the public is key to the success of the CORPO and central to inclusive local government and coordinated decision making.

Establishing an open and flexible public participation process will stimulate collaboration between member counties, stakeholders and the public.
OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure that the public is given the opportunity to become part of the Central Ohio Rural Transportation planning process through a variety of methods.

2. Promote the timely circulation of notices, planning issues and information regarding the planning process to the public.

3. Provide transparency of all information and data gathered and developed during the transportation planning process.

CORPO anticipates that its member counties will utilize their current public involvement methods for the circulation of public meeting notices and plan documents to provide notice of public comment periods. Any other timely information regarding the transportation planning process will be included.

These outlets may include but are not limited to; emails, newsletters, a public meeting, and internet websites. MORPC will also host CORPO Committee meetings and an open house before final plan adoption.
COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Public involvement is an opportunity for the public to positively influence transportation decision making. CORPO will, through its committees, staff, board representatives, members, and other partners, work to ensure that the needs of all segments of the population are represented in this effort. Stakeholder interest in this process can be public, private, or professional, and representative of any transportation mode. In order to facilitate collaboration in developing transportation plans, it is the responsibility of the County Subcommittees to provide government, industry, and citizens with the information needed to understand what the problems are, what actions are proposed, what the effects will be, and when each element of the program will be ready for public use and/or input. The CORPO subcommittees will be the primary means of involving transportation stakeholders and the public in the planning process. The process is designed to give members, stakeholders and the public an opportunity to participate in, review and comment on the transportation plan as it is developed.

CORPO COMMITTEE

The CORPO Committee provides representation from elected officials and other stakeholders from CORPO member counties to develop a rural transportation plan. CORPO Committee meetings are open to the public and meeting dates, agendas and minutes will be displayed on the MORPC website as well as emailed to all CORPO members for circulation.

As CORPO develops its transportation plan, county segments of the plan will be developed with County Subcommittees, which exist to advise the Committee. The CORPO Committee will incorporate the input of the County Subcommittees into the development of the transportation plan. The majority of the public participation process will be administered at the county level via each County Subcommittee. Acting as staff for CORPO, MORPC will also provide the public with a chance to review and comment on the plan before adoption.

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO) COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEES

RPO subcommittees are composed of representatives from diverse backgrounds. These include local municipalities, transportation agencies, transit services providers, public utilities, economic development organizations and others. The subcommittees advise and guide CORPO in the development of all elements of the transportation plan as well as carry out the majority of the public involvement in this process. It is intended that the member counties will be the driving force in this process.
PUBLIC OUTREACH

MORPC will assist CORPO with public involvement in the transportation planning process by hosting CORPO meetings, an open house on behalf of CORPO, a page on the MORPC webpage and by any other methods allowing public input before a final draft of the plan is adopted by CORPO in 2018. The public involvement process will also include the cooperation and collaboration of local governments and sub-committees via email, social media, meetings and face-to-face discussions. Subcommittees are expected to facilitate public involvement at the county level by utilizing current structures in their respective counties.
3.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals

- Preserve and Maintain the Existing Transportation System in a State of Good Repair
- A Safe Transportation System for All Users
- Accessibility and Mobility Options for all Users
- An Integrated, Connected and Coordinated Transportation System
- A Transportation System that Promotes a Collaborative and Focused Approach to support Economic Vitality
- Preserve and Enhance Environmental Resources and Sustainability through the Transportation System
Goals and Objectives:

- **Preserve and Maintain the Existing Transportation System in a State of Good Repair**
  - Minimize the number of bridges structurally deficient or functionally obsolete
  - Maximize the miles of pavement in acceptable condition
  - Maximize resources dedicated to maintain and improve the condition of the transportation system

- **A Safe Transportation System for All Users**
  - Minimize crashes including pedestrian and bicycle related crashes
  - Promote system user education to minimize unsafe driving behaviors such as a lack of seatbelt use, distracted driving, impaired driving and others

- **Accessibility and Mobility Options for all Users**
  - Build facilities that accommodate all users such as those using transit, walking and bicycling
  - Expand public transportation within and between communities
  - Expand the bicycle and pedestrian networks
  - Expand options that assist those living in poverty or in areas with lower accessibility in reaching employment, healthcare or services

- **An Integrated, Connected and Coordinated Transportation System**
  - Increase outreach to advocacy and community groups including area residents, local governments, agencies and organizations
  - Improve connections between regions by utilizing various modes of transportation, including passenger rail
  - Increase local community collaboration and coordination efforts to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes

- **A Transportation System that Promotes a Collaborative and Focused Approach to support Economic Vitality**
  - Improve strategic freight related facilities (e.g. highway, rail, intermodal, etc.)
  - Develop priority multipurpose corridors (e.g. utilities, water, broadband, fiber, etc.)
  - Maximize return on investment to position the region to compete globally and efficiently
- Provide transportation facilities that enhance the transition between rural and urban areas
- Enhance engagement with regional partners and voices

- **Preserve and Enhance Environmental Resources and Sustainability through the Transportation System**
  - Increase use of non-single occupant vehicles (local transit, intercity transit, ridesharing, biking, walking)
  - Provide transportation facilities consistent with local land use, environmental and sustainability plans
Partnership of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and Columbus 2020

- Develops and maintains a list of vetted infrastructure projects that benefit economic and community growth
- Advances priority projects through technical assistance for MORPC member communities
- 13 Central Ohio counties included (on reverse)

**What is Competitive Advantage Projects?**

**Process Overview**

1. Counties form working groups and gather projects from local governments
2. MORPC provides evaluation and funding cross-check
3. County working groups determine top local priorities
4. List of priority projects finalized, published, and tracked for funding opportunities

**Deliverables**

- Vetted Project List
- Mapping & Info Sheets
- Technical Assistance

**Initiative Status**

MORPC has engaged all counties and many have begun meeting to determine local priorities. All counties are working toward a goal of finalizing a list of top priority projects by early Spring 2017.

For more information, visit [http://morpc.org/our-region/competitive-advantage-projects/index](http://morpc.org/our-region/competitive-advantage-projects/index) or contact Nathaniel Kaelin at (614) 233-4190 or nkaelin@morpc.org.