NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Monday, Nov. 29, 2021
5:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions – LaGrieta Holloway, Chair

5:32 p.m. Approval of Nov. 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

5:33 p.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Thea Ewing, MORPC

5:45 p.m. Resolutions
- Resolution T-14-21: Amending the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham and John Gardocki, MORPC
- Resolution T-16-21: Adopting the 2022 Technical Assistance Program Guide – Lauren Cardoni, MORPC

6:10 p.m. Informational Items
- Regional Mobility Plan – Lexi Petrella, MORPC

6:25 p.m. Other Business
- Technical Assistance Program Selection Committee CAC Appointment – Lauren Cardoni, MORPC
- CAC Member Appointment Update – Bevan Schneck, MORPC

6:30 p.m. Adjourn
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The next CAC Meeting is

January 31, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 1, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC

Members Present
Wendi Crump  Bob Roehm
William Curlis  Helen Rollins
LaGrieta Holloway  Erin Synk
David Paul  Ira Weiss

Members Viewing Online:
Dana Dorsey
(It was noted that Vonjia Shannon had tried to call into the meeting without success.)

Guests:
Bill Allman
Jadalyn Holloway
Kailan Holloway

MORPC Staff
Lauren Cardoni  Ralonda Hampton  Liz Whelan-Jackson
Thea Ewing  Niel Jurist  Brooke White
Amanda Frey  Jennifer Noll
Nick Gill  Maria Schaper

I. Welcome & Introductions
   • Chair LaGrieta Holloway called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Approval of August 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes
   • Chair Holloway asked for a motion to approve the August 30, 2021 minutes. Mr. Curlis moved; Mr. Weiss seconded; and the motion passed.

III. Nominating Committee Report & Election of Vice Chair
   • Chair Holloway shared that the nominating committee was nominating Ms. Rollins to be the new CAC vice chair.
   • With no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed, and Ms. Rollins was elected to serve as vice chair for the remainder of 2021 and through 2022.

IV. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Thea Ewing, MORPC
   • Ms. Ewing remarked on the passing of former CAC member Len Fisher and expressed condolences.
• Ms. Ewing said Delaware County Transit’s City Flex service continues to do well and their Demand Response is available for next-day, county-wide service Monday thru Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. COTA recently added two electric vehicles that were tested in the region at the Transportation Research Center. COTA also launched its use of the Transit App and COTA Smartcard for cash-free options to travel. Pop-up events to learn the new fare system are available.

• MORPC recently received 17 applications for 5310 applications providing funding for older adults and people with disabilities. $2.3 million was requested with $1.4 million available. MORPC also received Ohio Public Works Commission applications for Franklin County, with 23 applications requesting $35 million and $27 million available.

• Ms. Ewing said MORPC is working on better connections between Columbus and Toledo on U.S. Route 23. Public input meetings for the study are taking place on Nov. 3 and Nov. 10.

• MORPC has two new promotional videos for its Gohio Commute Program, featured in Spanish and Somali. The videos are posted on MORPC’s YouTube channel.

• Mr. Curlis asked about having read a newspaper article which mentioned ODOT not having enough money to finish the downtown I-70/I-71 project – asking whether MORPC had any insight into that. MORPC responded that the project has a lot of parts, with most of the major elements having already been funded. Most of the work has been east of the Scioto River, but there will still be work to do on the west side of the river.

2022 Populations Estimates – Liz Whelan-Jackson, MORPC

• Ms. Whelan-Jackson mentioned what MORPC learned from the 2020 Census, with the region having added 240,000 residents and Columbus being the only Midwest city to gain more than 100,000 residents. A fact sheet on the growth is available.

• MORPC establishes population estimates based on the Census, which are then used to assess MORPC member dues.

• The pandemic led to a slowdown in growth, but the region still grew. Specifically, Ms. Whelan-Jackson mentioned a decrease in growth from migration, lower birth rates and higher death rates (although the region still saw an overall natural increase in population). MORPC’s models account for fast and slower growth, and the region is still on track to be 3 million people by 2050.

• Chair Holloway asked when the member dues will be assessed. Ms. Whelan-Jackson responded that the population estimates would be voted on this month, and the payments due soon thereafter.


• Ms. Noll said MORPC released a request for proposals to develop the Central Ohio Trail Town Framework for towns along the Central Ohio Greenways, and they are now in final interviews for the firm(s). The framework will address active transportation, increasing economic development and quality of life. The project is expected to take eight months.

• MORPC’s Summit on Sustainability had more than 300 attendees and was met with great success. The keynote address was highlighted, as well as those who received awards.
V. Resolutions

- Resolution T-12-21: Adopting MORPC Complete Streets Policy – Lauren Cardoni, MORPC
  - Ms. Cardoni highlighted MORPC’s updated Complete Streets Policy, reminding the committee of the history of the policy and why it is being updated, including new language, design guidance and alignment with new iterations of regional plans and policies.
  - The policy ties in with the Active Transportation Plan and MORPC-attributable funding policies. The CS policy will take effect for the next round of attributable funding.
  - The policy received three supportive comments during the public comment period. No changes were made to the draft document.
  - Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution T-12-21; Mr. Weiss seconded; and the motion passed.

- Resolution T-13-21: Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures’ Targets – Maria Schaper, MORPC
  - Ms. Schaper said this is a standard resolution considered every year and gave the history of having to approve safety targets. MORPC, as an MPO, must support ODOT’s targets or establish its own. However, MORPC’s and ODOT’s are consistent with one another.
  - Ms. Synk asked if the targets have been met by MORPC in the past and what happens when they are not met. Ms. Cardoni said the targets have not always been met, but that it becomes a problem with funding, with closer consideration of what has been funded and how it can be put to better use. Ms. Cardoni said funding can also potentially be taken away, but there is usually a new level of investment. Ms. Synk mentioned wanting to reach a higher goal than a 2 percent reduction in injuries and deaths. Mr. Gill emphasized that it is an annual goal from year to year, but as a region, MORPC still considers loftier goals to increase safety through the safety targets established in the MTP.
  - Mr. Paul asked how the numbers have changed in the past year. Ms. Cardoni mentioned the effect of the pandemic, and how some of the trends were surprising. Mr. Gill mentioned that accidents also result from the behavior of the drivers rather than the engineering of the roadway.
  - A motion to adopt Resolution T-13-21 was made by Mr. Weiss; Mr. Paul seconded; and the motion passed.

VI. Informational Items

- Draft Active Transportation Plan – Jennifer Noll, MORPC
  - Ms. Noll provided a recap of the draft Active Transportation Plan, which is a data-driven plan to help understand walking and biking conditions. The plan is also very stakeholder driven.
  - Ms. Noll highlighted the benefits of walking and biking in a low-stress active transportation network and highlighted what was
learned about these modes in the region – especially that residents want options to go places.

- The plan’s vision is focused on maintaining an equitable network of active transportation infrastructure that accommodates all users while advancing the priorities established in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Its goals emphasize safety, comfort, connectivity, and access.

- A new analysis focuses on the Level of Traffic Stress on arterial and collector roadways. There are also actions for a more complete, connected, and equitable network that track the region’s programs.

- The plan is structured as a set of tools, resources, and actions – rather than a traditional plan – and is consistent with other regional plans. The components are available at morpc.org/atp, and a public comment period is running through the month of November.

- Mr. Curlis asked if there are studies about bicyclists not following traffic rules. Ms. Noll said MORPC wants to be objective about underlying factors in crashes, but that there may be opportunities to improve an environment to remove human error.

- Mr. Paul mentioned that Morse Road is defined as a complete street, but that there are many problems with the corridor. There was general discussion from members about their experiences with safety while biking or walking. Chair Holloway emphasized the need to provide comments during the public comment period.

### Technical Assistance Program – Lauren Cardoni, MORPC

- Ms. Cardoni said MORPC’s Technical Assistance Program has had various iterations, and the program is provided to member governments with services to help with a particular project or study they are interested in pursuing but do not have the time or resources to do, themselves.

- MORPC is moving toward a project-delivery (implementation) emphasis, rather than policy writing and planning, in the next cycle in order to work toward the regional goals and strategies in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan.

- Ms. Cardoni covered the expectations, requirements, and responsibilities of applicants (MORPC members in the MPO area), as well as the types of activity tasks offered.

- Chair Holloway asked how walk audits work with roundabouts. Ms. Cardoni said communities have started to assess the pedestrian functionality at roundabouts more as they have gained experience with roundabouts.

- MORPC has a public comment period on the Technical Assistance Program through November and will likely start the application process in December 2021 for 2022 projects.

- A question was asked about who monitors complete streets projects and if anyone goes back to revisit projects when they are completed. Ms. Cardoni said that anyone with MORPC funding for their project
must go through a review during the project development process to ensure they are meeting requirements. This was followed by general discussion on how complete streets are defined and what aspects are included in them.

- **Air Quality Update – Brooke White, MORPC**
  - Ms. White highlighted what has taken place with the Air Quality Program at MORPC this year. Specifically, she discussed the air quality marketing campaign that took place during ozone season – with an emphasis on public health.
  - MORPC had no air quality alerts during the 2021 ozone season, as well as no exceedances. Determining why requires looking at both the sources of pollution, as well as the weather. This will be included in MORPC’s annual air quality report in December.
  - MORPC is currently pushing a neighborhood air quality program to look more closely at particulate matter at the neighborhood level by putting air quality monitors at various locations.

### VII. Other Business

- **CAC Appointment Update**
  - Ms. Ewing said that some CAC members have terms expiring this year and MORPC will be renewing the application process for another two years. Mr. Schneck will contact members with the CAC application.
  - The CAC can have up to 24 members, so MORPC will also open the application process to people who are not currently on CAC. Members are invited to help MORPC find good candidates.

### VIII. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Bevan Schneck, Secretary
Community Advisory Committee
Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Thea Ewing, Director – twalsh@morpc.org

Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Staff continues to work with the Data & Mapping team to develop and compile data as part of the development process for the 2024-2050 MTP

Transit, Mobility & Human Services

Mobility Management
- The Regional Mobility Plan, the transit coordinated plan for ODOT HSTC Region 6, is open for public comment. The plan includes regional and county-level goals and strategies. The plan will be open for public comment through December 19, 2021.
  - MORPC staff presented the Regional Mobility Plan at LCATS. The plan will be presented again in January for a request to pass the resolution of approval for Licking County.
  - Staff held a steering committee for the Regional Mobility Plan on November 16, 2021 to seek initial approval of the draft. Responses were positive.
  - Staff scheduled two public meetings in December for the Regional Mobility Plan draft document. The meetings will be virtual.

- Staff continues to support the advancement of the statewide specialized transportation search tool, Gohio Mobility. A training session for mobility managers is scheduled for December. The training will encourage mobility managers to confidently update necessary provider information.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient
- Staff completed selection of for awards of Federal Feiscal Year 2021, ARPA, and CRRSAA (COVID-19 stimulus) funding. They are incorporated into the T-14-21 TIP amendment resolution for December.

Gohio Commute
- MORPC staff added a new vanpool to the Gohio Commute Vanpool program. This van is traveling from Columbus, Ohio to Newark, Ohio each day. The vanpool is a combination of current employees with new CRIS refugees who work second shift at Universal Veneer Mill Corporation. Vanpooling is becoming a great hiring and retention tool in this current labor shortage.

- The City of Groveport and MORPC co-sponsored a webinar on workforce mobility. MORPC staff and representatives from Commute with Enterprise, Share Mobility, and COTA presented mobility options in the Groveport area.
MORPC staff have participated in proposal review for the Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility platform. Three vendors were chosen for proposal opportunities. Interviews will be scheduled between November 29, 2021 and December 3, 2021.

Transportation Planning Activities

US 23 Connect Study

- Staff provided support for Phase 2 stakeholder and public engagement meetings. The phase 2 engagement focused on the purpose and need, the concepts to be studies and the evaluation metrics. Additional information is available at https://publicinput.com/23connect.
- Staff continues to work with ODOT and the consultant team in traffic modeling and development of the metrics for evaluating the concepts.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

- Staff met with the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District and MORPC Air Quality and Energy Work Group to discuss the LinkUS initiative
- Staff attended the Downtown Technical Convergence Workshop virtually on November 16 to start discussions about how high-capacity transit corridors will traverse downtown streets. Discussion took place about traffic flow, transit center location, and development opportunities.
- MORPC and COTA hosted a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Peer Exchange with the City of Indianapolis/Marion County and IndyGo staff. Discussion revolved around Indianapolis’ progress to implement TOD along its bus rapid transit corridors.

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)

- Staff continued developing the Interregional Connections Stakeholder Group to replace RSTI. Staff is monitoring the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to determine what sources of funding are available to achieve this group’s vision and goals.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

- The CORPO Committee adopted the updated Public Participation Plan at its Nov 1 meeting
- The CORPO Committee also adopted the CORPO Dedicated Funds Policy. Staff developed a web-based application and opened the application period. CORPO will be accepting applications through December 17.
- CORPO staff hosted a virtual applicant workshop for the CORPO Dedicated Funds Program on November 9. This meeting was an opportunity for potential applicants to ask questions about the application and project selection process.

Infrastructure Funding

MORPC Attributable Funding

- Staff continues to work with the Attributable Funds Committee to develop revisions to the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding. An AFC work group meeting was held on November 10th with another meeting on December 1st.
Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- Applicants presented their funding requests to the Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) on November 19. Applicants may request a meeting with staff in late November to review their draft scores. All applicants may attend a meeting with staff on December 1 at 2 p.m. to preview the draft scores and rankings of the applications. The PWIC will review draft scores and rankings at its next meeting on December 3 and approve the final slate of applications on December 17.

Data & Mapping

Kerstin Carr, Interim Director – kcarr@morpc.org

Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data

Increase Efficiencies of Internal Data Systems
The Population Resource Hub, which organizes MORPC-created population data and links to Census data, is now available to members and the public. https://www.morpc.org/popdata

Update and maintain data sets to support transportation planning efforts
- A preliminary analysis was completed using Zillow ZIP code level data on home values to understand the impact of COVID-19 on home value increases. The analysis was designed to understand locations in the region that may have new housing demand since the pandemic.

Promote Data Sharing Among Data Providers
Mid-Ohio Open Data site (MOOD): www.morpc.org/data

GIS staff met with the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP) to discuss a statewide data sharing portal, with one goal being to pull together a statewide parcel dataset.

MORPC hosted the quarterly Central Ohio GIS User group on November 17, which was also International GIS Day. It included presentations from City of Dublin and Franklin County about new types of imagery with which they are working, along with other GIS-related discussion. 53 people attended the meeting virtually.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC): The RDAC will meet December 7 to finalize the creation, staffing, and membership of new Working Groups. Staff is working to fill some open spots on the committee.

Transportation & Sustainability

- Active Transportation Plan (ATP): A draft story map focused on the level of traffic stress is out for review. https://www.morpc.org/ATP

- Maps and charts were created for the Regional Mobility Plan.

- MORPC hosted a three-day workshop (Nov 3, 8, 9) for local planners to highlight the capabilities of ESRI Urban scenario planning tool and to show basic editing techniques.
• National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP): The data team and OSU CURA staff are preparing the application for MORPC’s membership in the NNIP. The NNIP is a network of 30+ independent partner organizations whose mission is to ensure all communities have access to data and the skills to use information to advance equity and well-being across neighborhoods. MORPC and OSU’s Center for Urban & Regional Analysis will partner in this membership.

Coordinate with U.S. Census
• 2020 PUMA Delineation: Staff met with ODOD (fka ODAS) to discuss review process and how to submit change suggestions of PUMA geographies for Central Ohio. ODOD will be compiling all the suggested changes for Ohio and submitting to the Census Bureau.

Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs

Provide GIS and Technical Assistance to Transportation Programs
• Maps / Reports: The GIS Team continues to support transportation staff by supplying requested maps/reports – MTP, CORPO, Gohio, and others.

Prepare Annual Estimates of Population and Employment at the County AND Sub-County Levels
• January 1, 2021 sub-county population estimates were adopted by MORPC on November 10, 2021. These estimates will be used to calculate 2022 member dues.

Transform Raw Data into Useful Information, Suggest Conclusions, and Support Decision-Making
• Insights about the early impacts of COVID-19 on population changes during the recent population estimate period (April 1, 2020 – Jan 1, 2021) were presented to the commission. This presentation about Central Ohio growth has been adapted for other audiences, including a presentation given by Data & Mapping staff to the Central Ohio Investor Network on November 16. These insights are also summarized in this dashboard.

Planning & Sustainability
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Active Transportation Planning
• Active Transportation Plan (ATP): A public comment period for the draft 2020-2050 Active Transportation Plan was open from November 1 through November 30, 2021. As of this writing, all comments received have been in support of the ATP and did not require changes to the document.
• Complete Streets: The 2021 update to the MORPC Complete Streets Policy was adopted at the November 10 Commission meeting. The new policy and more information about Complete Streets can be found on MORPC’s website at www.morpc.org/tool-resource/complete-streets.
• Active Transportation Committee (ATC): Team members have been actively reaching out to local agency staff within the MPO to engage more communities in the ATC. Any community interested in participating in the ATC can find more information on MORPC’s website at www.morpc.org/committees/active-transportation-committee or by contacting Lauren
Cardoni at lcardoni@morpc.org. The next ATC meeting will be on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 10am.

- Data Collection Program: MORPC and the City of Columbus Department of Recreation & Parks (DRP) have successfully launched a pilot program to test out new, permanent trail user count equipment in two locations along the Central Ohio Greenways trails. Data collected by this equipment is automatically transmitted daily to an online database. MORPC and DRP will monitor the new equipment over the next year and report back on the findings from this pilot.

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- Technical Assistance Program (TAP): Work continues to wrap up the final projects from the current round of technical assistance before the end of the year. A new round of technical assistance will launch in December, with the application window opening on Monday, December 13. Local agencies interested in submitting an application for technical assistance can find more information on MORPC’s website at www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program.

- The 2022 Technical Assistance Program Guide was presented to CAC, TAC, and TPC in early November, and a resolution to adopt the new guide (Resolution T-16-21) is on the December agenda. This guide includes all of the information about the upcoming round of technical assistance. A public comment period for the draft guide was open from November 1 through November 26, 2021. As of this writing, no comments have been received and no changes have been made to the document.

**Regional Housing Strategy (RHS)**

- MORPC and the OSU Center for Urban & Regional Analysis hosted Dr. Robert Dietz, Chief Economist with the National Association of Home Builders, for an online presentation and dialogue. A recording of the event is available at https://cura.osu.edu/events/robert-dietz-supply-side-headwinds-home-building.

**Transportation Safety**

- Committee Meetings: Team members attended the November meetings for SAFE Delaware County Coalition and the Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review.
- Technical Assistance: Team members are working with Franklin County Safe Communities Coalition to develop a framework for conducting regular walk audits with Coalition stakeholders to raise awareness of pedestrian safety and discuss potential safety improvements.

**Sustainable2050**

- Planning is underway for the Q4 member meeting on December 10, with a focus on energy. The MORPC team is also working on final changes to the tier status certification process for Sustainable2050 members and will be vetting it before presenting the updates at the next meeting.
Greenways & Water Resources Program

Central Ohio Greenways Board (COG)
The board’s last meeting of the year was held on November 9. During the meeting the board met the incoming 2022 board chair, Mike Andrako, P.E. who serves as the Mobility Engineer for the Franklin County Engineers’ Office. The board reflected on the accomplishments of 2021, which included completing the Trail Prioritization Effort, completing an Impacts of Trails Study, collaboration with Experience Columbus to develop a digital passport series, gaining sponsorship for a Trail Town Initiative in rural communities, and beginning a trail monitoring pilot project with City of Columbus. The board also discussed goals for 2022 and would like to focus on collaborative large-scale implementation, partnership development, and a strategic plan.

• Marketing & Communications Working Group: The group will continue to advise the Trail Town Framework Project.
• Operations & Access Working Group: The group is continuing to explore wayfinding solutions and provide project by project advice.
• Partnership Working Group: The group will focus on environmental partnerships and strategic initiative partnerships.
• Trail Development Working Group: The group is reviewing requests to update the Regional Trail Vision and will recommend changes to the Board in January.

COG Forum: The next COG Forum is scheduled for December 15, 2021 and will focus on rural county trail projects and trails towns. Speakers representing eight counties will be featured.

Sustaining Scioto Board
The Sustaining Scioto Board met on October 27. The Board discussed the need to renew member terms that are expiring at the end of 2021 or find new members. The board also discussed the election of new leadership for 2022.

• Agriculture and Rural Communities Outreach Team: The team wrapped up the year during the November 18 meeting. There was a presentation by the OSU Capstone Design Class on the Social Science Farmer Survey deployed to farmers in the Upper Scioto Watershed to help analyze farmer perceptions on topics including water quality and climate change. The results will guide the team to develop outreach programming for the agricultural and rural communities in the watershed in 2022.
• 208 Water Resource Planning: The final virtual stakeholder meeting for Champaign County was held on November 18. Stakeholders representing the water and wastewater sector of the various townships, villages and city and the County Engineer’s Office were on the call to verify and help update sewer service areas and discussed potential growth and development in the county.

Energy & Air Quality
• Energy & Air Quality Working Group: The group will met on Tuesday, November 23. The featured presentation highlighted the LinkUS Mobility Initiative.
• Air Quality Network Sensor Subcommittee: Air sensors are now deployed in the following neighborhoods: Franklinton, Old Town East, Whitehall, Linden, Clintonville, and Grandview Heights.
• Local Government Energy Partnership: The focus remains on increasing the number of communities earning SolSmart designation, and the team is engaging with members to connect them with available technical assistance. A SolSmart Solar PV and Storage Training is scheduled for December 2, and a recording is available for the previous Permitting & Inspection Training. The team attended the Ohio Solar Energy Roundtable with NADO and NARC and will be attending the first annual Ohio Energy Conference in December. The Energy Aggregation Toolkit for Local Governments is also moving forward. The new staff member, Brian Filitaraut, is on board and will be working on plans for 2022.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

The team is in process of identifying and confirming new SAC members to fill open seats for the 2022-2023 term. Bexley Mayor Ben Kessler has agreed to chair the committee. The next meeting will be on December 15.
• Regional Sustainability Dashboard: The Sustainability and Data & Mapping teams are coordinating with OSU CURA on the next round of updates to the Sustainability Dashboard to align with the new Regional Sustainability Agenda.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

• Preliminary Screeners for Round 16 District 3 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund are due on December 10, 2021 at 5p.m. More information can be found at https://www.morpc.org/program-service/clean-ohio-conservation-fund.

Communications & Engagement

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Diversity & Inclusion

One of our D&I Strategic Areas of Focus is Diverse Communications. Our goal is continue to increase the promotion of programs and services to diverse audiences. We currently have two new promotional videos for our Gohio Program(s), featured in Spanish and Somali.
• Gohio Spanish Video: https://youtu.be/WT6Aekwyx54
• Gohio Somali Video: https://youtu.be/z_guh7Xu0hg

News Releases

• Public Invited to Review the Region’s Draft Active Transportation Plan
• MORPC Seeks Public Comments on Technical Assistance Program Guidelines
• CORPO Accepting Funding Applications for Transportation Projects
• Feedback Requested on Regional Mobility Plan

MORPC in the News

• Amtrak To Reach More Cities, Upgrade Crucial Corridors With Infrastructure Bill Funds
• Biden signs historic $1 trillion infrastructure deal with bipartisan crowd
• Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Could Hint At Central Ohio Amtrak Expansion
• Central Ohio set to benefit from Biden’s infrastructure act
• Here’s how Columbus and Ohio could benefit from infrastructure bill
• Infrastructure bill makes Ohio rail line possible, but questions remain
• MORPC Seeks Public Comments On Technical Assistance Program
• Ohio passenger rail group wants Gov. Mike DeWine to support proposed Amtrak service between Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati
• Proposed pedestrian bridge would connect Schneider Park, Alum Creek trail in Bexley

Digital Content
• Careers, General Contractors (Residential Services), OU Partnership, eSource, MORPC Matters: How COVID-19 Has Changed The Way We Work in Central Ohio, Weatherization, Greenspot Columbus, Air Quality, Vision Zero, RFPs/RFQs, LinkUS, Complete Streets, 1MORPC 1VOICE, Gohio, Trails, RAPID 5, Native American Heritage Month, Daylight Savings, National Recycle Day, Public Comment Period: Technical Assistance Program (TA Program), Chimney Sweep, GIS Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.
Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
    Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
      Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: November 23, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-14-21: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”

Proposed Resolution T-14-21 will add or modify nine projects to the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over $19 million. This amendment includes MORPC’s funding award for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Program. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In January, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

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

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

**Franklin County** - The following modification to the TIP is being made for a Franklin County project:
- PID 115792 – Alum Creek Drive Widening: Add $1,700,000 TRAC commitment in SFY 2022.

**Gahanna** - The following addition to the TIP is being made for a Gahanna project:
- PID 115783 – Tech Center Drive Extension: Add ODOT J&C funded project to the TIP.

**ODOT:** - The following modifications to the TIP are being made for ODOT projects:
- PID 77555 – US 33 at Pickerington Road: Add $1,500,000 TRAC commitment in SFY 2022 and SFY 2023.
- PID 110273 – I-71 HSR Feasibility: Add $3,000,000 TRAC commitment in SFY 2022.
• PID 112768 – US 23 Corridor Study: Add $2,000,000 TRAC commitment in SFY 2022. This project contains MORPC-attributable funding, but no changes are being to MORPC commitments.
• PID 96808 – I-70 from Brice Rd to Taylor Rd: Add $5,000,000 TRAC commitment in SFY 2022.

MORPC has requested the addition of the FTA’s Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program to the TIP. This program is funded via FFY2021 Sec 5310 funding, CRRSAA funding, and ARPA funding. 16 subrecipients are receiving funding via this program. Attachment 2 to this resolution provides additional detail regarding funding awards.

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Attachment: Resolution T-14-21
RESOLUTION T-14-21

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, four project modifications to the 2021-2024 TIP have been identified as needed for Ohio Department of Transportation projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, MORPC completed a solicitation and selection process for FTA Section 5310 Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2021 funds, CRRSAA funds, and ARPA funds with projects selected shown in Attachment 2; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has requested the addition of the SFY 2022 Section 5310 program to the 2021-2024 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

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

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting November 29, 2021, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on December 1, 2021 recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2021-2024 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.

Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP is maintained.

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

Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP as modified.
Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.

Section 6. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2021-2024 TIP
Attachment 2: Sec 5310 Program of Projects
### Resolution T-14-21

**Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information**

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**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** MORPC 5310 CRRSAA, Transit Activity, Columbus UZA capital, operating, and other transportation grants to meet the needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. CRRSAA funding.

**Bike Components:** Not applicable.

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

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** MORPC 5310 ARPA, Transit Activity, Columbus UZA capital, operating, and other transportation grants to meet the needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Funded with ARPA.

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**Co-Route-Sec:** FAI-US033-03.18

**Length (mi.):** 0.3

**Project Type(s):** New Interchange/Preliminary Engineering

**Air Quality:** System Analyzed

**Description:** US-33 from Allen Rd to Pickerington Rd, New Interchange & Preliminary Engineering, Replace the existing intersection of US 33 and Pickerington Road with an interchange and remove the Allen Road intersections.

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

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

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**Resolution T-14-21**

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Attachment 2 Resolution T-14-21

5310 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

State: Columbus, Ohio USA
5310: FFY 2021, ARPA, CRRSAA (DS, DM, DL): $1,555,265
(Transfer Funds (plus or minus): __0__

Total Funds Available: $1,555,265

CRRSAA

Sub A
Central Ohio Transit Authority
Columbus, OH Urban Public
11.71.13
1 $100,000
Capital Purchase Transportation

Sub B
Greater Hilltop Area Shalom
Columbus, OH Urban Non Profit
11.71.13
1 $6,000
Capital Purchase Transportation

Sub C
Lifecare Alliance
Columbus, OH Urban Non Profit
11.71.13
1 $84,000
Capital Purchase Transportation

Total
$1,395,034

Program of Projects
Direct and Sub-recipients City Service Area Urban / Rural Sub Type Private Public Project Description/ALI Quantity FTA Amount Local Amount Total Amount Capital / Operating

Sub A
Canal Winchester Human Services Inc
Canal Winchester, OH Urban Non Profit
11.13.15
1 $76,319 $76,319 Capital Purchase Vehicles Replace

Sub B
Central Community House
Columbus, OH Urban Non Profit
11.13.15
1 $49,446 $49,446 Capital Purchase Vehicles Replace

Sub C
City of Groveport
Groveport, OH Urban Public
11.42.11
1 $50,409 $50,409 Capital Purchase Vehicles Replace

Sub D
City of Hilliard
Hilliard, OH Urban Public
11.42.11
1 $64,695 $64,695 Capital Purchase Vehicles

Sub E
Clintonville Beechwald CRC
Columbus, OH Urban Non Profit
11.42.11
1 $60,657 $60,657 Capital Purchase Vehicles Replace

Sub F
DCTB
Delaware, OH Urban Public
11.71.00
1 $188,000 $188,000 Capital Mobility Management

Sub G
Goodwill
Columbus, OH Urban Non Profit
11.13.15
1 $56,438 $56,438 Capital Purchase Vehicles

Sub H
Sourcepoint
Columbus, OH Urban Non Profit
12.7A.00
1 $9,123 $9,123 Computer/Hardware Software

Sub I
The Alpha Group
Delaware, OH Urban Non Profit
11.13.15
2 $9,892 $9,892 Capital Purchase Vehicles

Sub J
MORPC
Columbus, OH Urban Non Profit
11.71.00
1 $130,000 $130,000 Capital Mobility Management

Sub A
City of Dublin
Dublin, OH Urban Public
11.71.13
1 $107,413 $107,413 Capital Purchase Transportation

Sub B
Greater Hilltop Area Shalom
Columbus, OH Urban Non Profit
11.71.13
1 $6,000 $6,000 Capital Purchase Transportation

Sub C
Lifecare Alliance
Columbus, OH Urban Non Profit
11.71.13
1 $84,000 $84,000 Capital Purchase Transportation

Total
$1,244,847

Program Admin MORPC Columbus, OH Private

$116,044

Grand Total $1,555,265

Total Traditional 5310 55% Capital Amount $1,244,847

Total Other Capital Amount $106,000

Total Capital Purchase Contingency Amount $44,187

*Eligibility Project Type refers to 49 U.S.C. 5310 (k)(i) criteria

STATE ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Not to exceed 10 percent of Section 5310 apportionment and any flex funds transferred to the Section 5310 account may be used to provide a 100 percent Federal share.

Subtotal State or Designated Recipient Administration (funded at 100 percent) $116,044

SUBTOTAL DESIGNATED RECIPIENT ADMINISTRATION $116,044
Memorandum

TO: Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Kerstin Carr, PhD, Director
Planning & Sustainability

DATE: November 22, 2021


The 2020 – 2050 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. The ATP has been updated under the guidance of a 25-member steering committee and the Active Transportation Committee to align with and support the newly adopted MORPC Complete Streets policy. The ATP offers design guidance to ensure all users, regardless of mode of travel, have a safer and more comfortable way to reach their destination.

Unlike traditional plans, the ATP is a collection of tools and resources available online at www.morpc.org/atp. These resources include:

- Current Conditions Analysis, available in an interactive web map and technical memos detailing Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety and Regional Trip Analysis.
- Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress Analysis, which utilizes available data to calculate the level of traffic stress on roadways within the Metropolitan Planning Organization area with a Federal Functional Classification of arterial and collector.
- Story Map, a companion resource which includes additional context and information for practitioners to assist with decision-making for roadway design projects.
- Roadway Design Guidance, supported by extensive data analysis, and best practices from the Federal Highway Administration, to assist local governments and practitioners with appropriate roadway design enhancements, balancing the needs of roadway users and the character and context of the roadway.
- Action Plan containing strategies to support the plan’s vision and guide its implementation.

A one-page overview of the ATP information that is on the website is attached to the resolution.

One specific area that the ATP supports is developing complete streets in accordance with MORPC and other agencies complete streets policies. Complete Streets policies generally state that “Designs shall include accommodation of people using all modes of transportation and be sensitive to the context of the project setting (existing land uses, proposed land uses, etc.). It is important to
note that Complete Streets may look different for every project and road type. However, projects shall be designed to optimize the level of comfort and safety for the people who are most vulnerable on our roadways, with due consideration of issues such as accessibility, functionality, and connectivity. The tools and resources in the ATP provide the relevant guidance for determining appropriate facility types based on roadway conditions.”

The draft ATP was presented to the Community Advisory Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Transportation Policy Committee in November. A formal public comment period on the draft ATP was opened on November 1, 2021 and will remain open through November 30, 2021. To date, two comments were received in support of the draft ATP. There were no changes to content resulting from these comments.

The ATP will be evaluated and updated on a regular basis as necessary to ensure it continues to support the regional priorities of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Attachment: Resolution T-15-21
RESOLUTION T-15-21

“Adopting the 2020 – 2050 Active Transportation Plan”

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

WHEREAS, the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) includes strategies for implementing active transportation infrastructure throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 – 2050 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) advances the regional priorities of the MTP and helps communities within the MPO area plan for and implement projects that provide pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure in the region; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are a well-established best practice for safe and comfortable travel by all users of roadways, including bicyclists, public transportation and school bus riders, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, in November 2021 the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the MORPC Complete Streets Policy by Resolution T-12-21; and

WHEREAS, the ATP provides tools, resources and the relevant guidance for determining appropriate facility types based on roadway conditions to guide local agencies in the design of Complete Streets along with compliance with the MORPC Complete Streets Policy; and

WHEREAS, the ATP is provided through a collection of tools and resources available online at www.morpc.org/atp for which a summary of the information provided is included in the attachment to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period on the draft 2020 – 2050 Active Transportation Plan was held from November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its November 29, 2021 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its December 1, 2021 meeting recommended approval of this resolution; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it adopts the 2020 – 2050 Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

Section 2. That it recommends Central Ohio governments use the ATP together with the MORPC Complete Streets policy in planning, developing, constructing, and operating and maintaining transportation infrastructure projects.

Section 3. That the ATP will be evaluated and updated on a regular basis as necessary to ensure it continues to support the regional priorities of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
Section 3. 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.

____________________________________________
Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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Date

Prepared by: Planning & Sustainability Staff
Attachment: MORPC ATP One-Pager
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ABOUT THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The 2020 – 2050 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 accommodations – or complete streets – on the region’s road network. Complete streets ensure all users, regardless of mode of travel, have a safer and more comfortable way to reach their destination.

With extensive data analysis and contribution from Central Ohio communities, residents, and stakeholders, the ATP explores the current environment for walking and bicycling in the Metropolitan Planning Organization area and provides resources to guide the region toward a complete, connected low-stress active transportation network.

PLAN VISION & GOALS

Vision Statement

Central Ohio will implement and maintain an equitable network of active transportation infrastructure that ensures the regional transportation system supports and accommodates mobility for all users, inclusive of all ages and abilities, while advancing the regional priorities established in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Goals

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A LOW-STRESS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

A complete low-stress active transportation network provides inclusive and equitable mobility options and transportation access for all. When active transportation infrastructure, such as sidewalks and protected bikeways, is missing or incomplete, there is a greater risk that pedestrians and cyclists will interact with vehicle traffic. A low-stress network of complete, connected active transportation infrastructure reduces the potential for conflict and provides a more comfortable experience for all roadway users.

COMPONENTS OF THE ATP

Unlike traditional plans, the ATP is a collection of tools and resources available online at www.morpc.org/atp. Following is a summary of the products created for the ATP.

Current Conditions Analysis
The current conditions analyses produced for the ATP are available in an interactive web map. Further analysis is available in memos detailing Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety and Regional Trip Analysis.

Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress Analysis
This tool utilizes available data to calculate the level of traffic stress on Federal-aid eligible arterial and collector roads within the Metropolitan Planning Organization area. This analysis provides Central Ohio communities with a deeper understanding of the factors contributing to traffic stress for bicyclists and is an important step in designing roadways to be more accommodating of all users.

Story Map
The Story Map is a companion to the tools and resources provided by the ATP. It includes context and additional information for practitioners to assist with decision-making for roadway design projects.

Roadway Design Guidance
The ATP provides extensive data analysis to assist local governments and practitioners with understanding how a roadway’s level of traffic stress may impact its use. The plan includes links to best-practice guidance from the Federal Highway Administration for appropriate roadway design enhancements, balancing the needs of roadway users and the character and context of the roadway.

Action Plan
The ATP action plan contains strategies to support the plan’s vision and guide its implementation. These actions provide encouragement and support as the region works toward its vision of a more complete, connected, low-stress, and equitable active transportation network.

Visit www.morpc.org/atp to view these tools and more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.morpc.org/ATP

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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Advisory Committee
    Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea J. Ewing, Director
      Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: November 24, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-16-21: "Adopting the 2022 Technical Assistance Program Guide"

The proposed Resolution T-16-21 will update the existing MORPC Technical Assistance Program Guide for the next round of services. The Technical Assistance Program (TA Program) provides MORPC staff assistance to local government members within the boundary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to advance the goals in the MTP through implementation of specific MTP strategies focused on improving active transportation and transit infrastructure.

The draft of the Program Guide was presented to the Active Transportation Committee, the Community Advisory Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Transportation Policy Committee in early November. The draft Program Guide was also released for public comment and circulated to local governments and other stakeholders. Comments and feedback on the policy will be accepted through Friday, November 26. As of Tuesday, November 23, no comments have been received.

The 2022 Program Guide will apply to the 2022 round of technical assistance services. An application window will be opened on Monday, December 13 for eligible MORPC members to apply for the services established in the 2022 Program Guide.

The Program Guide is evaluated on a regular basis, in alignment with each new round of technical assistance services. This provides the opportunity to make necessary changes to address the most current needs of the region and our local communities.

Since the inception of the TA Program, Several Central Ohio communities have received MORPC staff assistance to complete various planning and policy development efforts. More information about these past services, as well as the current program, can be found on the MORPC website at: www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program.

Attachment: Resolution T-16-21
RESOLUTION T-16-21

“Adopting the 2022 Technical Assistance Program Guide”

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

WHEREAS, the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) includes strategies for implementing active transportation infrastructure throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC Technical Assistance Program has provided technical assistance to eligible local government members since 2017 to advance planning that supports active transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Technical Assistance Program Guide establishes new technical assistance services to assist communities in implementing active transportation infrastructure MTP strategies; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period on the update to the MORPC Technical Assistance Program Guide was held between November 1, 2021 and November 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its November 29, 2021 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its December 1, 2021 meeting recommended approval of this resolution; now therefore
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1. That it adopts the attached MORPC 2022 Technical Assistance Program Guide.

Section 2. That it directs staff to conduct a process to select activities for technical assistance in accordance with the 2022 Technical Assistance Program Guide.

Section 3. That the Technical Assistance Program Guide will be reviewed and evaluated ahead of each application round and be modified as warranted.

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 Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by:  Transportation & Infrastructure Development Staff
Attachment:  MORPC 2022 Technical Assistance Program Guide
The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Technical Assistance (TA) Program provides assistance from MORPC staff to local government members within the boundary of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the planning of transportation and quality of life improvements related to the goals of MORPC’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Regional Sustainability Agenda.

Through the TA Program, MORPC staff will assist member communities with specific planning services related to transportation, air quality, traffic, and other projects that support consideration of transportation in land use planning and/or demonstrate the benefits of various modes of transportation.

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The seven-county Central Ohio region is growing rapidly, with its population expected to increase to approximately 3 million people by 2050. Demographic shifts anticipated with this growth will have a significant impact on the region’s transportation system. To keep up with these shifts and evolving market demands, the region must recognize and address the need for a more multimodal and sustainable transportation system, as well as strategies for development that supports it.

A safe, reliable, efficient, and accessible transportation system is essential to the economy and quality of life for those who live and work in Central Ohio. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) establishes a set of regional goals and objectives, and recommends strategies – including specific projects – that will maintain, manage, and develop Central Ohio’s transportation system through 2050. Additionally, the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and Complete Streets Policy work in combination with the MTP to further promote safe and comfortable conditions for walking and bicycling throughout the region. Finally, the Central Ohio Greenways vision of providing a world-class network of trails accessible to everyone in Central Ohio has resulted in a plan to add more than 500 new miles of trails throughout the broader region. Together these plans lay out a vision for a robust, multimodal, and sustainable transportation system in Central Ohio that provides the mobility options needed to support the region’s growing population.

The 2020-2050 MTP established the following goals:

- Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.
- Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents’ quality of life.
- Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.
- Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.
- Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.
- Use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of people.

The Technical Assistance Program provides MORPC staff assistance to local government members within the boundary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to advance the goals in the MTP through implementation of specific MTP strategies focused on improving active transportation and transit infrastructure.

The specific MTP strategies include:

**System Management**

- OP 10 – Modify lane configurations of roadways, where appropriate, to safely match vehicle, transit, bike, and pedestrian demand.
- DM 3 – Collaborate to reduce the need for vehicle travel through development regulations.
- DM 6 – Make neighborhoods safely walkable, bikeable, and accessible by transit through non-infrastructure projects and programs.
System Development

- BP 1 – Collaborate to build high comfort bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure through development regulations.
- BP 2 – Increase the quantity and quality of data on bicycle, pedestrian, and similar modes travel behavior.
- BP 3 – Expand high comfort bicycle and pedestrian networks through the implementation of complete streets.
- BP 4 – Implement the Central Ohio Greenways trail vision.
- BP 5 – Implement the Active Transportation Plan to create high comfort regional pedestrian and bicycle transportation networks.
- BP 6 – Make neighborhoods walkable and bikeable through infrastructure projects that fill gaps in the high comfort pedestrian and bicycle networks.
- BP 7 – Ensure neighborhoods and employment locations have high comfort connections for pedestrians and bicyclists to the regional pedestrian, bicycle and transit networks.
- BP 8 – Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities through collaboration.
- TRAN 1 – Collaborate to build transit infrastructure through development regulations.
- TRAN 6 – Make neighborhoods transit supportive through infrastructure projects.

Transportation System Related

- SYS 1 – Collaborate to ensure localized and regional transportation systems needs are addressed in development decisions.
- SYS 2 – Develop transportation system to serve all demographic population groups.
The MORPC insight2050 TA Program awards technical assistance services through a competitive application process. Successful applicants will receive MORPC staff expertise for community-based planning services that help to advance regional goals and specific strategies identified in the MTP. Technical assistance will be provided for specific planning services to help implement the identified strategies.

MORPC has established pre-determined scopes of services for potential activity types for the 2022 TA Program cycle. Before applying for technical assistance, members are encouraged to participate in an optional, informational webinar with MORPC staff on Monday, December 13, 2021 to ask any questions about the program. For more information, contact Lauren Cardoni at lcardoni@morpc.org.

Members awarded technical assistance through the TA Program must be prepared to have these services completed within six to nine months. Services should align with existing or proposed community projects that establish a strong connection to the MTP, ATP, Complete Streets Policy, and COG Vision. As part of the application process, applicants are required to provide a commitment letter signed by a local leader or department director acknowledging the request for technical assistance and committing local staff time to the project.

Within the program application, applicants will be asked to describe how local government officials and staff will participate in the process. The TA Program planning process is expected to be iterative; MORPC staff and program partners will conduct the planning process together with staff from the communities that are selected.

Members who receive an award of technical assistance must be able to:
- Submit a letter of commitment signed by a local leader or department director as part of the application,
- Designate a community staff member as Project Manager, and
- Enter into an agreement with MORPC prior to initiation of services.
For the 2022 TA Program cycle, MORPC has identified activity types that are intended to help guide Central Ohio communities through the projected changes in regional transportation needs. These activity types were developed based on the vision and goals established by the MTP, ATP, Complete Streets Policy, and COG Vision. Each activity is designed to address specific strategies established in the MTP.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for one of the pre-determined activity types outlined below. The anticipated scopes of work are intended to be a guide for the services and deliverables the TA Program will provide for communities. Communities can modify a pre-determined scope to suit their individual community needs as part of the application process.

Applicants must indicate their chosen activity type and provide the scope of work in their application. Awardees must be able to show that whichever project they choose can be completed within six to nine months.

**Activity Types:**

The following activity types have been established for the 2022 TA Program cycle:

1. Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
2. Trail Access Improvements
3. Active Transportation Project Prioritization
4. Complete Streets Policy
5. Walk Audit
6. Transit Oriented Development

Following are the potential scopes of work for each activity type. These may be modified by the applicant as part of the application process.
1. Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement

**Background:** The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Vision establishes a vision for the future network of regionally significant trail facilities in Central Ohio. Many of the proposed facilities were originally identified along river corridors or constrained roadways but may be more feasible along different routes.

**Description:** This activity will allow a community to review the COG Vision in detail within their jurisdiction to refine the proposed trail facilities and develop a strategy for prioritizing and implementing those proposed facilities. Completion of this activity should lead to a feasibility study or application for funding to design and/or implement the identified facilities.

**Anticipated Services:**
- Review existing plans and projects
  - Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
  - MORPC will review plans, proposed projects, and COG Vision to establish working base map for refinement
- Data development and analysis
  - MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary to identify potential routes
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing plans, identify alternatives, and develop strategies for implementation
- Finalize potential route options and implementation strategies
  - MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into summary of potential COG routes and related recommendations

**Anticipated Deliverables:**
- Technical documentation including:
  - Potential routes and any relevant opportunities/constraints
  - Recommended network connections and access points
- Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation
2. Trail Access Improvements

**Background:** The recently completed Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Trail Prioritization study identified critical gaps in access to the regional trail network within Franklin County. The COG Trail Prioritization study and Active Transportation Plan (ATP) can both be used to guide assessment of trail access, as well as the level of stress associated with existing trail access, and identification of new/improved connections to trails in any community.

**Description:** This activity will review trail accessibility in any community to identify potential improvements. Completion of this activity should lead to a temporary demonstration or pilot project along an identified connection, and/or an application for funding to design and/or implement the identified access improvements.

Example of a temporary demonstration/pilot project: [www.beheardnewwest.ca/agnes-greenway](http://www.beheardnewwest.ca/agnes-greenway)

**Anticipated Services:**

a. Review existing plans and projects
   i. Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
   ii. MORPC will review plans, proposed projects, and COG Vision to establish working base map for assessing trail access conditions

b. Data development and analysis
   i. MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary to identify locations and options for improvements

c. Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
   i. Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
   ii. MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing conditions and discuss potential improvements

d. Finalize priority on-street connections and trail access improvements
   i. MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
   ii. MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential trail access improvements

**Anticipated Deliverables:**

a. Technical documentation including:
   i. Priority connections and any relevant opportunities/constraints
   ii. Recommended design criteria and considerations

b. Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation

c. Guidance for implementing a pilot project to demonstrate potential connection or access improvement
3. Active Transportation Project Prioritization

**Background:** The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) identifies regionally significant projects to be eligible for federal transportation funding. A project must be included in the MTP in order for a community to use MORPC-Attributable federal funding. These projects include active transportation facilities such as multi-use paths, bike facilities, and sidewalks, as well as roadway projects that are required to comply with the regional Complete Streets Policy.

**Description:** This activity will allow a community to 1) review the active transportation projects currently in the MTP in detail within their jurisdiction to refine them and develop a strategy for prioritizing and implementing the proposed facilities, and/or 2) review the active transportation needs within the community and establish potential projects to include in the next MTP update. Completion of this activity should lead to 1) a feasibility study or application for funding to design and/or implement the identified facilities, and/or 2) a list of potential projects to be added to the next MTP update.

**Anticipated Services:**

a. Review existing plans and projects
   i. Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
   ii. MORPC will review plans, proposed projects, the ATP, and the MTP to establish working base map for assessing potential active transportation projects

b. Data development and analysis
   i. MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary to help refine existing MTP projects and/or identify potential new projects

c. Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
   i. Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
   ii. MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing plans and discuss potential changes and/or additions to local priorities and the MTP

d. Finalize priority projects and develop potential alternatives
   i. MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
   ii. MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential active transportation projects

**Anticipated Deliverables:**

a. Technical documentation including:
   i. Community active transportation network and proposed projects
   ii. Recommended design criteria and considerations

b. Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation
4. **Complete Streets Policy**

**Background:** Complete Streets provide safe, comfortable, and convenient access for all roadway users regardless of mode, age, or ability. Complete Streets may include sidewalks, protected bike lanes, shared-use paths, bus lanes, roundabouts, or other design elements. Adopting a Complete Streets Policy formalizes a community’s intent to plan, design, develop, redevelop, and maintain roads that work for all residents.

**Description:** This activity will provide communities with the best practices, design guidance, and planning tools necessary to write and implement a Complete Streets Policy. Completion of this activity should result in the development of a Complete Streets Policy that the community then ushers through the adoption process.

**Anticipated Services:**
- a. Review of existing legislation, standards, and guidance, as applicable
  - i. Local agency will compile all local plans and relevant materials
  - ii. MORPC will review materials and outline where improvements can be made regarding design & implementation of Complete Streets
- b. Research and presentation of best practices for Complete Streets
  - i. MORPC staff will provide presentation materials describing the benefits and general best practices related to Complete Streets
- c. Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - i. Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - ii. MORPC staff will lead workshops to discuss opportunities for improving design and implementation of Complete Streets in the community
- d. Attend up to two (2) public workshops hosted/led by member local government
  - i. MORPC staff will provide support for local agency, should they decide to host any additional workshops or meetings

**Anticipated Deliverables:**
- a. Draft *Complete Streets Policy* (formal policy to be passed through City Council, Township Board of Trustees, or County Commissioners as a resolution or ordinance)
- b. Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation
5. Walk Audit

**Background:** The Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan released in 2019 identified pedestrians as the most vulnerable users on our regional transportation system. The update to the regional Active Transportation Plan further analyzed crashes involving people walking and identified key factors in many of those crashes.

**Description:** This activity will allow a community to review crashes involving people walking to identify priority location(s) to conduct a detailed audit to determine appropriate improvements for that location. Completion of this activity should lead to a temporary demonstration project or low-cost safety improvements, and an application for funding to design and implement permanent safety improvements.

**Anticipated Services:**

a. Review crashes involving pedestrians within the jurisdiction
   i. MORPC staff will conduct analysis of crash data to identify priority location(s) within the community
b. Conduct a walk audit of priority location(s)
   i. Local agency will identify key stakeholders and coordinate invitations
   ii. MORPC staff will lead formal walk audit with key stakeholders
c. Lead a workshop for staff, stakeholders, or public
   i. Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
   ii. MORPC staff will lead workshop to discuss identified safety challenges and potential safety improvements
d. Identify priority safety improvements
   i. MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential safety improvements

**Anticipated Deliverables:**

a. Technical documentation including:
   i. Priority safety locations
   ii. Recommended safety improvements
b. Guidance for implementing a pilot project to demonstrate recommended safety improvement(s)
c. Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation
5. Transit Oriented Development

**Background:** The insight2050 Corridor Concepts study identified key strategies for building truly transit-supportive corridors and transit-oriented development. As new initiatives like LinkUS work to implement recommendations from the Corridor Concepts study, it will be important for all communities in the region to identify opportunities to further the goals of insight2050.

**Description:** This project type will allow a community to assess local policies and codes and identify where improvements can be made to provide more opportunity for transit-supportive development. Completion of this project type could result in potential policy or code updates, or a site-specific strategy for transit-oriented development.

**Anticipated Services:**
- Review existing plans and policies, and/or site conditions
  - Local agency will compile all local plans and relevant materials
  - MORPC will review materials and outline where improvements can be made regarding design & implementation of transit oriented development
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshops to discuss priorities and challenges related to transit oriented development
- Identify potential best practices for implementation in the community
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft of potential options

**Anticipated Deliverables:**
- Technical documentation including:
  - Potential best practices for implementation
- Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation

6. Parameters for “Other” Activity Type

**Description:** If a community is interested in applying for a project that differs from the project types outlined above, the application must include a detailed scope that aligns with the parameters specified below.

- Technical assistance should focus on moving from plan/concept to implementation.
- Activity should align with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Active Transportation Plan (ATP), or Central Ohio Greenways Vision.
- Applicant must provide a detailed scope of work.
PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The following criteria must be met in order to be considered eligible for the MORPC TA Program:

- The applicant is a local government and MORPC member within the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundary.
- Services requested are within the scope of services offered or within the scope of the TA Program and/or MORPC staff expertise.
- Application must be complete (including signed letter of commitment).
- Application must be received prior to the application deadline.

If an applicant selected for technical assistance cannot be initiated for any reason, at no fault of MORPC, the applicant must withdraw the application from the application pool and forfeit its award of technical assistance. Applications may be resubmitted for consideration in the next application cycle.

If an applicant selected for technical assistance fails to complete the selected activity within the expected six to nine month timeframe, the member community engaged in the program may be asked to provide one or more of the following:

- Documentation explaining why the activity failed to be completed within the given timeframe
- Agreement extension executed by member community and MORPC
APPLICATION PROCESS

All eligible MORPC members are invited to submit an application for the 2022 TA Program cycle. The application will be available to all eligible members beginning on December 13, 2021. Program applications must be submitted to MORPC by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, January 14, 2022.

The application consists of application criteria and required documentation. An evaluation committee will assess completed applications based on the criteria outlined below and further described on pages 15-16 of this document.

**Application criteria** – Applications will be scored based on the application criteria listed in the table below. The highest-scoring application will be the first selected to receive technical assistance; the next highest-scoring eligible application will be the second selected to receive technical assistance; and so on until budget is exhausted or until all eligible applications have been awarded. It is possible that not all applications will be awarded technical assistance.

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**Required documentation** – Applicant communities must submit a signed letter of commitment from the local governments’ elected officials or department director as part of their application.

The required documentation must be submitted to MORPC no later than the application deadline of 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, January 14, 2022.

APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES

As part of the applicant commitment to receiving technical assistance services from MORPC, the following requirements will apply:

- Designation of staff time commitment and staff member as Project Manager
- Provision of any relevant data or materials that MORPC does not already have
- Regularly scheduled (bi-weekly preferred) check-ins with MORPC staff
- Identification of and regular communications with appropriate community stakeholders
- Participation from all departments within the local agency relevant to the project
- Consistent and timely review of all project materials submitted
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application for the 2022 TA Program cycle will be made available on **December 13, 2021.** All members interested in applying for technical assistance through the TA Program must submit an application by **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, January 14, 2022.**

The application will consist of the following:

1) **Applicant Information**
   a) MORPC Member Local Government
   b) Project Manager
   c) Phone Number
   d) Email Address
   e) Mailing Address

2) **Activity Type**
   Please select a Technical Assistance activity from the drop-down list.

3) **Preferred Scope of Work**
   Please submit your preferred scope of work, including an estimated schedule, for the selected activity type.

4) **Staff Commitment**
   Based on the identified scope of work and estimated activity schedule, how many person hours (per week, per month, or total) does the applicant intend to commit to the activity?

5) **Community Objectives** (25 points) (700 word maximum)
   Please describe the significance of the proposed activity. What are the objectives and what is the perceived benefit to the community? How will an award of technical assistance through the TA Program improve the activity?

6) **MTP Strategies** (20 points) (500 word maximum)
   Please indicate how the selected activity will advance specific strategies from the MTP focused on improving active transportation and transit infrastructure. Your response should address at least two (2) and up to five (5) of the most applicable strategies. Refer to the Program Purpose on page 3 for the specific strategies.

7) **Implementing Regional Priorities** (20 points) (500 word maximum)
   Please describe how the selected activity will help to implement project(s) in alignment with the MTP, ATP, or COG Vision.
8) **Equity Considerations** (15 points) (500 word maximum)

Please describe how the selected activity will address transportation needs of transportation disadvantaged and/or underserved populations within your community.

Transportation disadvantaged or underserved populations may include:
- Low-income
- Minorities
- Senior Citizens
- Veterans
- Children / Minors
- Persons with mental / physical disabilities
- College Students
- Or other groups that are often (unintentionally) excluded from planning processes

9) **Local Commitment and Collaboration** (10 points) (300 word maximum)

To be awarded assistance through the TA Program, communities must commit to designating a community staff person as Project Manager.

Above and beyond this minimum requirement, please indicate how the selected activity will engage relevant community stakeholders – for example: interdepartmental staff, elected officials, school district representatives, civic associations, chambers of commerce, or advocacy groups – to participate in the technical assistance process? Identify potential stakeholders below and describe how their involvement would increase the success of the activity. Examples may include in-kind commitments of stakeholder staff time and resources, demonstrated public-private collaboration, committee participation, etc.

10) **Leveraging Investment** (10 points) (300 word maximum)

How will MORPC technical assistance services be leveraged to implement active transportation and transit infrastructure?

11) **Required Documentation**

To ensure elected community leaders and/or department directors recognize that staff are requesting technical assistance through the MORPC TA Program, a letter of commitment signed by a local leader or department director must accompany the application. No points are awarded for required documentation, however, failure to submit will result in the application being ineligible. Required documentation must be submitted to MORPC no later than the application deadline of **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, January 14, 2022.**

**Application Checklist & Timeline**

- **Optional for all applicants** – Participate in a MORPC TA Program informational webinar on December 13, 2021 for more details about the program and application process
- **Required for all applicants** – Submit an application and required documentation by **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, January 14, 2022.**
The following pages are informational items that will be discussed or presented at the meeting.
ODOT HSTC REGIONS

- Regionalism goals:
  - improve service delivery
  - increase regional coordination
  - reduce duplication
  - fill gaps in service

- Goals:
  - Identify
  - Understand
  - Determine
  - Prioritize
COMPLETED WORK

- First round of county-level mobility discussions completed
  - Review existing local-level needs and goals
- Second round of county-level mobility discussions
  - Regional goals and strategies
- Data and map review
  - Demographics
  - Travel data
  - Points of interest
- Survey Outreach
  - January 2021 – September 2022

NEXT STEPS

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<td>Present plan basics to Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS)</td>
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REGIONAL SUMMARY

REGIONAL SURVEY DATA

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NEEDS AND COORDINATION CHALLENGES

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

- Lack of public awareness of available transportation services
- Lack of awareness of supportive funding eligibility for transportation users
- Lack of a centralized location for transportation information
- Inability to cross county lines with available services
- Limited days and times for service availability
- Varying available services in the region
- Inconsistency in safe and accessible multimodal connections to transit services

REGIONAL COORDINATION CHALLENGES

- Siloed pursuit of transportation grants and funding
- Lack of consistent and strong support for transit/mobility
- Varying viability for transit
- Varying levels of outreach and capacity for outreach
- Inconsistency in technology used for payment and routing processes
- Lack of operators for transit and other transportation providers

DRAFT REGIONAL GOALS AND STRATEGIES

GOAL 1: IMPROVE TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY

Strategy 1.1 Identify opportunities for regional connectivity
Strategy 1.2 Research, pursue, and support applications for state and federal funding opportunities as a region
Strategy 1.3 Coordinate and maintain transportation provider working groups

GOAL 2: ENCOURAGE STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR TRANSIT

Strategy 2.1 Coordinate initiatives to build strong stakeholder support for transit
Strategy 2.2 Coordinate and maintain employer working groups
Strategy 2.3 Educate stakeholders involved in policy, funding, and planning decisions on transit needs

GOAL 3: IMPROVE AWARENESS OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Strategy 3.1 Launch and use Gohio Mobility as a regional resource
Strategy 3.2 Evaluate and improve Gohio Mobility as a regional resource
Strategy 3.3 Develop regional outreach programming and best practices
QUESTIONS?

Thank you!

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