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Wednesday, June 3, 2020

9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- **9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions** – Cindi Fitzpatrick, Chair
- **9:04 a.m. Approval of [May 6, 2020, Meeting Minutes](#)** (enclosed)
- **9:05a.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) – Thea Ewing, MORPC
 - Monthly Report – Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC
- **9:15 a.m. Funding Programs**
 - Attributable Funds Project Status Update - Thomas Graham, MORPC
 - Proposed Resolution T-10-20 – “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program” – Thomas Graham, MORPC
- **9:20 a.m. Resolutions**
 - Proposed Resolution TAC-1-20: “Reaffirmation of The Existing TAC Subcommittee and Establishment of The Active Transportation Committee as a TAC Subcommittee” – Nick Gill, MORPC
- **9:30 a.m. Informational Items**
 - Covid-19 Transportation Related Information
- **9:55 a.m. Other Business**

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Rory McGuinness
Chair

Karen J. Angelou
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- **Adjourn**

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The next TAC Meeting is
Wednesday, August 5, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.
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**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**



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Date: **May 6, 2020**
Time: **9:00 a.m.**
Location: **MORPC**

**NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED AS A VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH
MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORM**

Members Present

Ted Beidler	Cindi Fitzpatrick	Mathew Peoples
Greg Butcher	Tiffany Jenkins	Scott Sanders
Barb Cox	Kimberly Moss	Kevin Weaver
William Ferrigno	Tim Nittle	

Guests as signed in via TEAMS:

Jennifer Alford	James Hise	Andrew Shepler
Michael Ciotola	Ryan Lowe	Daniel Sowry
Ted Geer	Alan Moran	Steve Thieken
Matt Hill	Jim Pajk	Scott Ulrich
		James Young

MORPC Staff Present

Mary Ann Frantz	Dina Lopez	Aaron Schill
Nick Gill	Tobi Otulana	Bevan Schneck
Thomas Graham	Stephen Patchan	Nathaniel Vogt
Niel Jurist	Maria Schaper	Brandi Whetstone

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Cindy Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. Approval of April 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chair Fitzpatrick asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Ted Beidler moved; James Young seconded; none opposed and the motion carried.

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

- May is National Bike Month. MORPC has put together a Bike Month resource page, that includes bike safety, social distancing recommendations, and regional bike maps, on the Gohio Mobility Hub and can be found at <http://morpc.gohio.com/>. There will be a Commuter Challenge later in the year. We are asking if you want to share your social media posts associated with bike safety – please use #bikemonth or #moveyourway.
- The region did receive \$53 million from the CARES ACT for funding for transit; \$50M to COTA and another portion to Delaware County Transit and Licking County transit systems.

- ODOT - Fuel receipts are down by more than 50% as well as state budget cuts in the amount of \$775M across the board. The majority were not in transportation. One project – Columbus Crossroads for R – moving out until next year due to lower fuel receipts.
- ODOT does plan to do a TRAC round funding, which will kick off on June 15 with applications accepted through July 15 and is primarily soliciting large projects.
- Hyperloop Update – continue to work on the Hyperloop certification center. We are in a third round of questioning and are working with a financial consultant to see how feasible it is with TRC and Jobs Ohio.
- Also applied for a Maglev Grant; unfortunately, we did not receive the grant. The grant went to Baltimore on an existing Maglev proposal.
- Ohio Public Works funding (State Capital Improvement Program Issue) – currently, the state capital improvement program is going to be unfunded because their funds are authorized through a state capital budget and there is no bill for that this year. Therefore, anyone receiving skip dollar starting in July will not be able to receive them until the legislature resolves the issue.

Data & Mapping Monthly Report – Aaron Schill, MORPC

- Paving the Way – we had a really turnout at the annual meeting – over 40 attendees and now great progress is being made on getting projects inputted. Our target was to launch publicly on May 1, and we are working on getting the domain transferred over so that pavingtheway.org will redirect to the new site. The revised date is now Monday, May 11 and we are sending out a communications packet to all communities.
<https://pavingtheway.morpc.org/home>
- Mr. Schill also reviewed the Central Ohio Covid-19 resources tab, which provides live updates. MORPC also conducted a local government impact survey and results are provided. Please take time to review the information that has been provided. www.morpc.org/covid19
- 2020 Census – field offices are scheduled to reopen around June 1 with field data collection beginning shortly thereafter – with special population counts that include counts of homeless population, accounting groups quarters, and then non-response will pick up in August through October 31. The window for a standard participant has been extended to July 31. Two statutory timelines required for the Census Bureau may be pushed back. They have asked for congressional approval to push back the delivery of apportionment counts to April 30, 2021 as well as redistricting data delivered to the states by July 31, 2021. We are publishing a dashboard that will show response rates by census tract. <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>

Planning & Sustainability Monthly Report – Stephen Patchan, MORPC

- 2020 Technical Assistance Program – the following are the awarded communities to be completed by December 31, 2020. Most, if not all projects, have already kicked off and are in various stages of working with stakeholders with data collections and working through public outreach.
 - City of Columbus – Speed Management Framework

- Franklin County – Complete Streets Policy Implementation
- City of Hilliard – Cemetery Road Conceptual Development Framework
- Jefferson Township – Blacklick Station Conceptual Development Framework
- City of Westerville – Cleveland Avenue Corridor Strategies Prioritization
- [..\Presentations\2020 TA Program Projects Awards.pdf](#)
- Volunteers Need for Spring 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian counts
 - The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission needs your help to conduct bicyclist and pedestrian traffic counts throughout Central Ohio. These counts will give us a better understanding of pedestrian and bicyclist volumes and trends in our region. To volunteer for this important project, please register by following the link below.
 - Register: bit.ly/spring2020bikepedcounts
 - [..\Presentations\Volunteer Flyer Spring 2020.pdf](#)

IV. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - Proposed Resolution T-6-20: Adoption of the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Maria Schaper – MORPC

- Requesting approval for Resolution T-6-20.
- Ms. Schaper reviewed information that has been previously shared with the committee members. Please remember to review the Executive Summary that was included in your packet. Next steps include submitting the plan to ODOT, FHWA, FTA, and monitoring and implementation of the plan. Measurable objectives and targets will be reported in the annual report card.
- There were several changes from the earlier draft project list:
 - Consistency with FY 2021-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - moved projects between timeframes
 - Limits extended – 1 project
 - 8 projects removed – feedback from local communities
 - 4 projects – minor alignment changes
 - Project type changes – mostly bike/ped.
- The Chairman asked for a motion to approve; Matt Hill moved to approve; Kevin Weaver seconded; and the motion carried.
- [..\Presentations\052020 TAC TP PlanAdoption.pdf](#).

V. Funding Programs

Attributable Funds Project Status Update – Thomas Graham, MORPC

- Johnstown Rd from Alum Creek Trail to Cassady Ave, Multi-Use Path has been encumbered.
- The North Hamilton Road Project, - the bids are coming in over estimate; as a result, a portion of the funds committed to the right-away phase are being transitioned to the construction phase.
- The attributable fund cycle key dates:
 - June 1 – online application for the attributable funding cycle will be available.

- June 3 – Attributable Funding Workshop (2:30pm-4:30pm) for project sponsors and new applicants – potentially to be virtual.
- July 10 – deadline for submitting previous commitment update forms
- July 17 – deadline for screening applications for new funding applications
- October 9 – deadline for final applications for new funding requests
- Update from previous reports that showed the balance of STBG is negative by \$13,000,000 – we did execute loan agreements with five other MPOs to provide us the funding in 2020 we needed to allow in particular the Hamilton Road project to be and go and be encumbered this year. We will be paying back those MPOs over Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022.
- [..\Presentations\2020-05-04 FY20 Attributable Funds Report Simplified.pdf](#)

VI. Resolutions

Proposed Resolution T-7-20: Adoption of the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Nathaniel Vogt, MORPC

- We are asking for your approval to adopt the 2021-2024 transportation improvement program.
- Mr. Vogt reviewed information that has been previously shared with the committee members. Comment period closed April 20.
- Section 3 – minor correction – Appendix D should be Appendix E.
- The Chairman asked for a motion to approve; Ted Beidler moved to approve; Matt Peoples seconded; and the motion carried.

Proposed Resolution T-8-2020 – Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2021 Planning Work Program – Thea Ewing, MORPC

- It is for all budget work elements of the state fiscal year 2021 including \$5.4 million in funding for staff related expenditures for the Metropolitan planning organization. This includes formula funded planning projects such as our work on the MTP, the TIP data and analysis work and other related activities (\$3million); special studies we work on, including insight2050, Paving the Way and supplemental planning work that we do for FTA 5310 (\$1.3million); ride share for Gohio and our air quality awareness activities (\$1.2million). There is also a number of items that are listed as \$0.00. We need to account for the work happening at COTA and other planning for transit that we may not be doing but is eligible for funds.
- The chairman asked a motion to approve Matt Hill moved; Bill Ferrigno seconded; and the motion carried.

Proposed Resolution T-9-2020 – Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process – Thea Ewing, MORPC

- Resolution is only required every four years, but we submit it annually with our planning work program. This is to self-certify with ODOT that we're meeting all the criteria to be a metropolitan planning organization.
- The chairman asked for a motion to approve; Kevin Weaver moved; James Young seconded; and the motion carried.

VII. Information Items

Sustaining Scioto Update – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC

- The Board will guide the Sustaining Scioto Implementation Plan to help the region adapt to climate change and ensure access to clean and abundant water for a growing region. The board is part of the Sustainability Advisory Committee.
- 2020 Priorities:
 - Informed Decision Making:
 - Strategy 1 – establish leadership structure and sustainable program funding
 - Strategy 2 – create and update climate data tools and projections to support planning and implementation initiatives.
 - Strategy 3 – develop and implement a comprehensive Water Quality Monitoring Program
 - Prepared & Connected Communities
 - Strategy 1 – establish public outreach team
 - Strategy 2 – develop outreach framework
 - Protected Resources
 - Strategy 1 – develop a cooperative program with agricultural community to reduce runoff pollutant loads.
- Next meeting is June 26.
- More information can be found on at www.morpc.org/committees/sustaining-scioto-board/ (which includes the board roster)
- <..\Presentations\May 2020 Sustaining Scioto update CAC and TAC.pdf>

Regional Active Transportation Plan Update – Stephen Patchan, MORPC

- The active transportation plan will kickoff in June.
- Work on updating the current regional active transportation plan will include public and stakeholder surveys, focus groups, and targeted outreach. Stakeholder workshops are being planned starting Summer 2020. The Plan is anticipated to conclude with plan adoption and an open house in summer 2021.
- <..\Presentations\Regional Active Transportation Update.pdf>

Subcommittees of TAC – Nick Gill, MORPC

- There was a working group that was formed about a year ago to work on various things with regard to active transportation. They would now like to be more formalized within the MORPC structure.

- Mr. Gill also gave background information about the MORPC structure, board and subcommittees.
- We are proposing bringing a TAC resolution to next month's meeting to:
 - Reaffirm ITS as a subcommittee
 - Establish Active Transportation working Group as a subcommittee
 - Provide a brief one-pager of each TAC subcommittee
 - Outline reporting procedures of subcommittees to the full TAC
- [..\Presentations\TAC Subcommittees.pdf](#)

VIII. Other Business

IX. Adjourn

- Chair Fitzpatrick entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:14 a.m.

Thea J Ewing, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee



MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

June 2020

Transportation & Infrastructure Development

Thea Ewing, Director - twalsh@morpc.org

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was approved and adopted by the CAC, TAC, and Transportation Policy Committee during their May meetings. Staff is working to publish final documentation and provide to ODOT and FHWA for review.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services

➤ **5310 Designated Recipient**

MORPC was approved to begin using FTA 5310 funds for program administration and mobility management.

➤ **Gohio**

Gohio Staff are developing a telework guide to help employers implement internal telework policy. A survey is also being developed to obtain input from employers and employees in the region on how telework impacted their stress, productivity, if they teleworked before COVID, and if they are interested in some sort of telework moving forward. The guide will include pros and cons of telework, different types of telework, and how to implement an internal policy. Gohio staff are working with other regional partners to develop a thoughtful guide.

Gohio Staff are working with Columbus Public Health on TDM initiatives. Current and future collaboration will help support the success of CPH's new TDM program and the development of a Travel Training program that will support multimodal transportation education for individuals of all ages and abilities in the region.

Gohio Staff met with NOACA Gohio Commute representatives to discuss the Specialized Transportation Search tool in the Gohio Commute Platform. The partners discussed how the tool could be improved with GIS mapping capabilities, and other features, to improve user experience. Partners also discussed how NOACA has developed their data entry process so MORPC can do so in a cohesive way.

➤ **Other**

MORPC worked with COTA to submit an Accelerating Innovative Mobility FTA discretionary grant to connect rural county transit systems to urban areas with technology. If funded the pilot would include Fairfield, Pickaway, Delaware and Madison counties in Central Ohio as an extension of the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) system in Franklin County.

Staff finished the FFY 2020 FTA Formula Funding split for COTA, DCT and LCT. After the Split letter is signed by all parties it will be submitted to FTA for availability.

Transportation Planning Studies

- **Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)**

On May 20th MORPC released the final report of its “Midwest Connect” Hyperloop Feasibility Study, which found that hyperloop technology is feasible along the corridor connecting Columbus with Chicago (via Lima, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Indiana) and Pittsburgh. The study is available on MORPC’s website. Next steps include: collaborating with stakeholders to advance a certification corridor segment for Virgin Hyperloop One technology in Central Ohio; creating a travel and economic demand advisory panel to improve and further refine the high-level analyses developed under the feasibility study; and working with state and federal transportation officials to advance a regulatory framework for hyperloop technology.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

- **CORPO Update**

- On May, 4th, CORPO adopted the 2021 CORPO Planning Work Program (PWP) and TIP. The PWP utilized comments from CORPO members as well as from CORPO subcommittee meetings to develop a focused and tailored scope of work for this PWP. Both the TIP and PWP have been submitted to ODOT.
- CORPO Chair, Commissioner Mark Forrest signed a CORPO letter supporting the Connecting Mohican Valley Corridor Plan and subsequent BUILD Application for the project. The project will benefit CORPO member Knox County and the letter supports the planning efforts of our friends at Ohio Mid-Eastern Government’s Association (OMEGA).
- CORPO Chair, Commissioner Mark Forrest also signed a CORPO letter supporting MORPC along with COTA’s application to the Accelerating Innovative Mobility Challenge Grant.
- CORPO staff participated in the Central Ohio Mobility Management Peer Exchange on May 5th, 2020. At the meeting, regional transit and mobility stakeholders, including COTA and ODOT discussed best practices, issues / barriers and ways mobility management could be improved in the region. The group plans to meet again in the future.
- The CORPO newsletter was uploaded to the CORPO site on 5/21/2020

Infrastructure Funding

➤ **MORPC Attributable Funding**

- Work continued on getting the online application form ready for the upcoming funding cycle. The application period will open the first week of June. A virtual attributable funding workshop will be held Wednesday June 3rd at 2:30 via Microsoft Teams. Details to join the workshop are available on the MORPC website. Updates to previous funding commitments are due on July 10 while the initial screening applications for new funding are due on July 17th.

➤ **Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)**

- The District 3 Integrating Committee on May 8 approved policies and criteria for Round 35 of the State Capital Improvements Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (SCIP/LTIP). The status of appropriations from the state for SCIP Round 35 is uncertain, and applications cannot be solicited until funds are appropriated. If the schedule can be maintained, applications for SCIP/LTIP funding will be available in July for local governments in Franklin County. Applications will be due on September 14.

➤ **Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)**

- The NRAC on May 28 approved seven Clean Ohio Conservation applications requesting \$3.13 million. Approximately \$3.9 million was available for the current Round 14. The projects are:

Applicant	Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost	Clean Ohio Award
Columbus Recreation & Parks	Brice Road Parkland Preserve	Land Acquisition	\$277,364	\$208,024
Columbus Recreation & Parks	East Broad Street Preserve	Land Acquisition	\$241,700	\$181,275
Metro Parks	Westchester Park Acquisition	Land Acquisition	\$1,710,000	\$1,282,500
Metro Parks	Nature Reserves Park Acquisition	Land Acquisition	\$230,000	\$172,500
Appalachia Ohio Alliance	Utzingen Bog Preserve	Land Acquisition	\$765,397	\$487,397
Columbus Rec & Parks	Dry Run Stream Restoration - Modification	Riparian Corridor Protection	\$215,000	\$165,000
Columbus Rec & Parks	Stockbridge Urban Forest Project	Land Acquisition	\$1,061,000	\$636,000

- The NRAC will meet on July 8 to approve policies and criteria for Round 15. The status of appropriations from the state for Clean Ohio Conservation funds for Round 15 is uncertain, and applications cannot be solicited until funds are appropriated.

➤ **Competitive Advantage Projects**

- MORPC staff continues to coordinate with Ice Miller on the CAP Innovative Funding Strategies Development Activity. Progress is being made towards development of a final report highlighting different project financing strategies which can be used for advancement of projects across the Central Ohio region.

Data & Mapping

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Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) and Working Groups

The RDAC will meet on June 2 to discuss the status of the Regional Housing Strategy, public policy, and the work of the four Working Groups.

- Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit Working Group members continue their work on the Data Policy Needs Survey. The Working Group met April 28 to discuss the progress of the survey development, proposed focus groups, and timeline for completion. The Working Group will meet again May 26.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Working Group will meet on May 27 to review the outcomes of the April 22 RIDG user group meeting, plan the third-quarter RIDG user group meeting, and discuss the Steering Committee Transition plan. The Working Group will meet again in mid-June.
- The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group continues their work via the Fiber Network Subgroup. The Working Group met on May 5 to discuss the development of a local government survey and a non-disclosure agreement. The Working Group will meet again on June 16.
- The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group met May 21 to review the status of the second round of beta testing, and to discuss a communications strategy. The Working Group will meet again in late June.
- The Central Ohio GIS User Group met on 5/20, with 52 attendees, discussing the upcoming virtual ESRI User Conference and other GIS-related matters. The attendees broke out into nine smaller groups, discussing LBRS, AGO (a geospatial content management system used with ArcGIS), ArcPro, Data Sources, Automation, and Operations Dashboard (a web app used with ArcGIS). The User Group will meet again in August.

Transportation

- Data & Mapping staff continues assisting Transportation with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and other Transportation mapping and data needs.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill is assisting Transportation staff in the update of the Attributable Funds Online Application.

Census

- The Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee Local Government Subcommittee will meet May 27 to discuss the effects of COVID-19 on the Census, and local government outreach. The Subcommittee will meet again on June 17.

Data and Mapping Outreach and Collaboration

- Regional Housing Strategy
 - Data & Mapping staff continues to take a lead role in data collection and analysis for the Regional Housing Study.
 - Staff participated in two large Regional Housing Strategy events: Stakeholder Review of Displacement Risk and Opportunity Analyses on May 1, and the Regional Housing Strategy Joint Work Session on May 15.

- Data & Mapping staff and Planning & Sustainability staff are working to design a Regional Housing Strategy Hub.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill continues his work with the Leadership Columbus Committee for Digital Inclusion.
- Data & Mapping staff participated in the PCs for People Computer Distribution event 5/19, distributing 300+ personal computers to Central Ohio residents.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill continues his work with the Rural Smart Communities Working Group.
- Data & Mapping staff hosted a series of stakeholder discussions: Regional Trends and Policy Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill spoke on a panel regarding the 2020 Census and COVID-19: Implications for Communities, hosted by OSU.

Planning & Sustainability

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Active Transportation Planning

- **Regional Active Transportation Plan:** Team members and partners have created a Steering Committee for the Regional Active Transportation Plan update. To join this Committee, please contact Stephen Patchan (spatchan@morpc.org). The Steering Committee's kick-off meeting is tentatively set for June 16.
- **Complete Streets Review:** Team members assisted with review of the Columbus CTSS F project Stage 1 plans, as well as the Delaware Signal System Upgrade Stage 3 plans.
- **Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG):** The ATWG did not meet this month. MORPC staff brought a proposal to TAC in May to formalize the ATWG as a sub-committee to TAC to advise TAC on active transportation planning.
- **Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts:** Manual volunteer counts were conducted from April 20 through May 16 this year and were focused on validating permanent count equipment and understanding demand on the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Trail Network during the COVID-19 Stay-At-Home Order. Data from this period will be processed and available later this summer.
Team members and regional partners launched short-duration trail counts in May for the annual trail monitoring program. The trail monitoring program is also being updated to improve data collection efforts and expand the monitoring area.

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- **Technical Assistance Program (TAP):** Team members met with the Franklin County Engineer's Office mobility team members for further coordination on context-sensitive roadway classifications for the County's Complete Streets Policy implementation. Team members met with City of Hilliard staff to discuss the Cemetery Road project area existing land use, transportation, and employee demographics. Team members met with City of Westerville staff to discuss a project description, anticipated services, and deliverables for the Cleveland Avenue project. Team members continued to work on the best practices report for the Cemetery Road project and the Jefferson Township Blacklick Station project.

Regional Housing Strategy

- The project team hosted Stakeholder Review of Displacement Risk and Opportunity Analyses on May 1, and the Regional Housing Strategy Joint Work Session on May 15. The Joint Work Session brought together project sponsors and the advisory board. In facilitated breakout sessions, stakeholders participated in discussions focused on the topic of housing as a platform for equitable growth in the context of the current findings, and in the context of a post-COVID-19 recovery. The project team will lead more regional workshops and informational interviews over the summer.

Transportation Safety

- **Committee Meetings:** Team members participated in State Highway Safety Plan meetings to assist ODOT with updating action plans for multiple emphasis areas of the plan. Team members also attended a virtual SAFE Delaware County Coalition meeting on May 14. Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review and Safe Communities meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Sustainable2050

- **Member Engagement:** The June 26 member meeting will take place online via Microsoft Teams.

Greenways & Water Resources Program

- **Sustaining Scioto Board:**
The next Board meeting will take place on June 24 via Microsoft Teams. The MORPC team is conducting research on water quality monitoring and has coordinated with American Farmland Trust to help support a grant proposal that would provide funding for their Farming for Clean Water program.
- **Outreach:** MORPC staff participated in the Central Ohio Watershed Council and Be the Change for Clean Water meetings, comprised of regional partners working toward protecting and preserving Central Ohio waterways. In coordination with Be the Change for Clean Water and their regional messaging, staff created a social media post encouraging practices that protect water quality.
- **Central Ohio Greenways Board (COG):**
The COG Board met on May 13, 2020, where the Board adopted an updated Regional Trail Vision. Major updates to the Regional Trail Vision include a trail in Dublin connecting the Scioto Trail to Glacier Ridge Metro Park, a small trail connecting the Alum Creek Trail to the Big Walnut Trail in northeast Franklin County, and the Linden Green Line, which runs along an abandoned rail line in northeast Columbus. The Board will recommend the updated Vision to the Sustainability Advisory Committee's meeting on June 17.
- The four COG Working groups are focusing their efforts on the following:
 - The **Trail Development Working Group** is advising the Trail & Active Transportation Prioritization Project. Early analysis indicates that 26% of Franklin County residents can safely access a COG trail of regional significance within one mile of their home. The Project will prioritize trail and active transportation projects to increase the percentage of residents with access.
 - The **Marketing & Communications Working Group** is focused on ways to engage and promote trail use virtually. Many of the Taste of the Trails events have been cancelled due to COVID-19, so the Working Group is exploring opportunities to develop passports and other virtual games to encourage people to use the trails.
 - The **Operations & Access Working Group** is exploring opportunities to continue informal, open-ended questions about trail planning, funding, and operations on social media to engage new followers and encourage informal conversations.
 - The **Partnership Working Group** is moving forward with an Environmental & Economic Impact of Trails Study with the support of the Columbus Foundation.

Energy & Air Quality

- **Energy & Air Quality Working Group:** The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met on May 26 with a presentation from John Seryak, President and Lead Engineer of Go Sustainable Energy.
- **Air Quality Sensor Subgroup:** The Air Quality Sensor Subgroup reviewed an air quality monitoring plan to install multiple monitors in the downtown area during stay-at-home orders.

The intention is to gather data during the orders and afterward as activity resumes to track the contribution of traffic and other activities in the downtown area to particulate matter levels. Five monitors were installed in the downtown and Franklinton areas.

- Solar Toolkit Subgroup: The [Central Ohio Solar Toolkit for Local Governments](#) has been published to the MORPC website. Additional items will be added as they are identified or developed. The Subgroup is currently developing a marketing plan to support an official announcement to coincide with the September Energy Academy.
- Local Government Energy Partnership: The June Energy Academy session is currently in development and will focus on energy equity and health. MORPC staff is in discussions with AEP Ohio and Columbia Gas of Ohio regarding program continuation for 2021.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

- Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC): The next meeting will take place virtually on June 17th. The agenda includes a presentation of MORPC's energy planning program, and approval of the guiding principles for the Regional Sustainability Agenda.
- Regional Sustainability Dashboard Working Group: The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group met May 21 to review the status of the second round of beta testing, and to discuss a communications strategy. The Working Group will meet again in late June. The MORPC and CURA teams continue to work on technical development, data acquisition, and narrative.
- Outreach: MORPC hosted a webinar on May 27th, *Sustainability in the Face of COVID-19*, focused on discussions around the importance of sustainability, early lessons, and shaping a more sustainable and resilient recovery through this public health crisis. Sustainability Officer Brandi Whetstone moderated the panel featuring Kate Bartter, Executive Director of the Sustainability Institute at The Ohio State University; Alana Shockey, Assistant Director of Sustainability with City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities; and Eric Walli, Associate Chief Advisor with Honda North America.
- Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee: The Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee had its kickoff meeting on May 19. Chair Justin Milam and MORPC staff presented the background and necessity of the revision of the Agenda, which ends in 2020. Members discussed guiding principles and method of updating the current Sustainability Agenda. The Subcommittee will meet again on June 25.

Communications & Engagement

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Outreach

- Graphic Design work was completed for the Gohio Commute Alternative Transportation Block Party Toolkit.
- The new Paving the Way System was launched publicly through e-newsletter and social media, coordination with community public information officers, a press release, and mass e-mail to previous subscribers.
- Staff assisted with the public involvement appendices for MTP, TIP, and CORPO TIP.

News Releases

- [MORPC Releases Results from Survey of Local Governments During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Air Quality Awareness Week to Begin May 4](#)
- [MORPC Launches Update to Paving the Way System](#)
- [MORPC Announces Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Officer](#)
- [MORPC Releases Findings of Hyperloop Feasibility Study](#)

MORPC In The News

- [More Americans affected by air pollution – Columbus Dispatch](#)
- [Air Quality Awareness Week to begin May 4 – Circleville Herald](#)
- [Air Quality Awareness Week to begin May 4 – Delaware Gazette](#)
- [When will hyperloop be ready? Developers dispute study that says systems won't launch until 2040 – Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- [Study Predicts Hyperloop Operation to Begin in 2040 – Paintsquare News](#)
- [Reynoldsburg seeks grant for Waggoner Road project – This Week News](#)
- [Sawmill Parkway to be resurfaced – Delaware Gazette](#)
- [Is Columbus the next coronavirus “hot spot”? – Sunny 95/Rewind 103.5/104.3](#)
- [EPA awards Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission \\$600,000 to clean up former industrial sites in Columbus](#)
- [Powell OKs funding for Sawmill Parkway resurfacing – This Week News](#)
- [MORPC Matters: Air pollution hard to see but even harder to ignore – This Week News](#)
- [Recycling, air quality rise in Columbus during pandemic – This Week News](#)
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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: May 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-10-20: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”

Proposed Resolution T-10-20 will add one project to the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling almost \$3 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In July, 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 project, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components.

An explanation of the proposed change to the TIP follows.

ODOT, District 6 has requested the following addition to the TIP:

- Move ROW funding for improvements and widening of US 40 from just east of casino entrance to 500 feet east of Wilson Road from SFY20 to SFY21.

NTG:TG

Attachments:

- Proposed Resolution T-10-20

RESOLUTION T-10-20

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

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

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), District 6 has requested the addition of one project to the 2021-2024 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

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

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting June 1, 2020, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on June 3, 2020, 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

Resolution T-10-20

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT 6

PID: 93173

TIP ID: 2747

MTP ID: 204

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-US040-07.00

Length (mi.): 0.65

Project Type(s): Safety Improvement/Reconstruction

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: *W Broad St from E of Georgesville Rd to 500' E of Wilson Rd, Safety Improvement & Reconstruction, widening for additional median separation (raised curb in places) and positive offset turn lane spacing. Includes resurfacing, drainage, access relocations/*

Bike Components: Bicycle lanes. 0.65 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Sidewalk on 2 sides. 1.3 mi. added to ped network.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	Right-of-Way	State	\$287,556
2021	Right-of-Way	HSIP	\$2,588,007
Total:			\$2,875,563

Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$2,588,007
State	State Safety	\$287,556
Grand Total:		\$2,875,563

Funds in FYs prior to 2021 are not included in this report nor in the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

LR = Long Range (after SFY 2024, the last year of the TIP). LR funds are shown for information only and are not included in the TIP.



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: May 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution TAC-1-20: **“Reaffirmation of The Existing TAC Subcommittee and Establishment of The Active Transportation Committee as a TAC Subcommittee”**

An important part of the planning work staff performs is to ensure the products MORPC produces reflect our members expectations. This is done through our committee structure and communication with experts within our members and other experts in the region. Often staff brings together a group around a particular issue or topic to assist staff or fill a specific need.

The TAC bylaws identify the ability for TAC to have subcommittees for such purposes. Several years ago, TAC recognized the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee as a TAC subcommittee. More recently, in early 2019 an Active Transportation Working Group was formed to assist staff in a number of areas such as:

- Active Transportation Plan update
- Technical Assistance Program
- Complete Streets Policy
- Other active transportation related activities

It is proposed to transform the Active Transportation Working Group into a TAC subcommittee called the Active Transportation Committee. Proposed resolution TAC-1-20 would establish the Active Transportation Committee as a TAC subcommittee and reconfirm the ITS Committee as a TAC subcommittee. The resolution provide that TAC subcommittees include TAC representation and periodically report their activities to the TAC. Attached to this memo is a short description of each subcommittee

Attachments:

- Summary of Central Ohio Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee
- Summary of Active Transportation Committee
- Resolution TAC-1-20

Central Ohio Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Committee

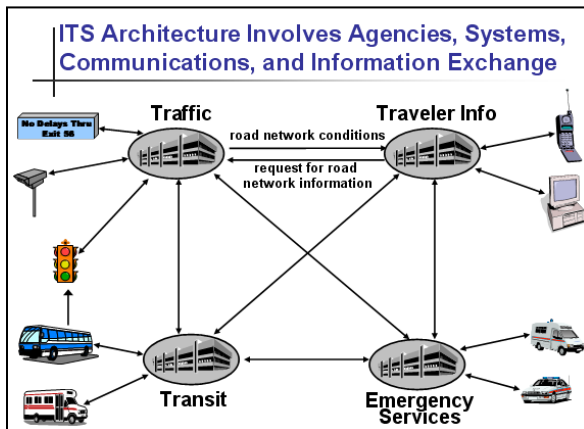
What is ITS?

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) refers to an assortment of technologies, systems, and transportation management concepts. ITS plays a key role in a safe, efficient, and innovative transportation system works for all travelers. Examples of ITS technologies include coordinated signal systems, dynamic message signs, portable changeable message signs, ramp meter signals on the freeway, CCTV traffic cameras that monitor traffic flow and incidents, connected vehicles and infrastructure, autonomous vehicles, and transit related systems such as the Automated Vehicle Locators (AVL) which help determine the real-time location of a vehicle.

The importance for collaboration, communication, and system integration cannot be stressed enough, especially when it comes to reducing congestion, increasing traffic flow and enhancing safety. It is imperative to create one transportation system that works across jurisdictions and agencies and utilizes limited resources most efficiently.

What is a Regional ITS Architecture?

This ITS Architecture is “a regional framework that ensures that there are institutional agreements as well as technical integration for the implementation of ITS projects in a region.”



The ITS Architecture identifies the organizations that provide ITS systems and those that have an interest in them. It also defines the different operating systems, the functions they perform, what information is exchanged, and how it is exchanged.

The ITS Architecture is a “living” document which is continually updated.

A formal approval of the ITS Architecture is completed through the inclusion of it in the region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that is

updated and adopted every four years by MORPC’s Transportation Policy Committee.

ITS Committee

The ITS committee allows for collaboration and coordination between various stakeholders on regional traffic operations investments and practices in the central Ohio region. Its main purpose is to assist MORPC in maintaining and updating the regional ITS architecture, ensuring compliance with it through coordination of ITS activities in central Ohio and assist in developing ITS strategies to be included in the MTP.

The committee consists of FHWA, ODOT, MORPC, COTA, Franklin County, City of Columbus, and other local agencies that employ or use ITS technologies. The committee meets on a quarterly basis and is chaired by a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

ITS Committee list (May 2020)

Organization	Last Name	First Name
ODOT	Janek	Drew
ODOT	Yeray	Jason
DriveOhio	Hegemier	Nick
FHWA	Sekela	Treeta
FCEO	Beidler	Ted
DCEO	Love	Mike
COTA	West	Ben
COTA	Warner	Shane
DATABus	Schooley	Dennis
City of Columbus	Bollo	Ryan
City of Dublin	Foster	Eagan
City of Whitehall	Woodruff	Zach
City of Grandview Heights	Hughes	Darryl
City of Upper Arlington	Thiel	Jacolyn(Jackie)
City of New Albany	Nemec	Mark
City of Hilliard	Schamp	Letty
City of Westerville	Alford	Jennifer
City of Groveport	Farst	Stephen
EP Ferris&Associates	Samuelson	Dave
GPD Group	Seaman	Scott

Central Ohio Active Transportation Committee

What is Active Transportation?

Active transportation is any self-propelled, human-powered mode of transportation, such as walking or bicycling. Many Americans view walking and bicycling within their communities as unsafe due to heavy traffic and a scarcity of sidewalks, crosswalks, and bicycle facilities. Improving these elements could increase active transportation use such as children biking to school or employees walking to work. Safe and convenient opportunities for physically active travel also expand access to transportation networks for people without cars, while also spurring investment in infrastructure to increase the comfort of the on-road experience to improve the appeal of active modes to all people.

Due to similar needs, challenges and opportunities, micromobility options will also be considered and explored by the ATC. Micromobility includes low impact, slow speed vehicles such as electric scooters and other electric powered/assisted vehicles.

The importance for collaboration, communication, and modal integration cannot be stressed enough, especially when it comes to maximizing roadway safety as well as increasing healthy, convenient and equitable transportation options. It is imperative to incorporate a complete and high comfort active transportation system that works across jurisdictions and agencies and utilizes limited resources most efficiently.

Active Transportation Committee

The Active Transportation Committee allows for collaboration and coordination between various stakeholders on regional active transportation investments in the central Ohio region. The Active Transportation Committee's main purpose is to assist MORPC in maintaining and updating the regional Active Transportation Plan, ensuring compliance with it through coordination of Active Transportation activities in central Ohio and assist in developing Active Transportation strategies to be included in the MTP. The Active Transportation Committee will create ad-hoc subcommittees to oversee development of MORPC Active Transportation projects such as Active Transportation Plan Update, Complete Streets Policy Update, insight 2050 Technical Assistance Program and other Active Transportation related projects developed through future Overall Work Programs and grant funding opportunities.

The committee consists of government agency staff, representatives for relevant organizations, relevant advocacy organizations, and technical experts and/or community members not associated with a department within a MORPC member jurisdiction. Representatives may come from any area of government (i.e. staff, elected, or appointed), as deemed relevant by the member jurisdiction. Interdepartmental representation is encouraged; however, no jurisdiction may have more than 3 representatives with voting privileges on ATC at one time.

The committee meets on a quarterly basis and is chaired by a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

Active Transportation Committee (As of May 2020)

Organization	Name
Age Friendly Communities	Katie White
American Heart Association	Cresha Auck
Burton Planning Services	Kim Burton
City of Columbus	Justin Goodwin
City of Dublin	J.M. Rayburn
City of Hilliard	Letty Schamp
City of Upper Arlington	Kyle Hoyng
City of Westerville	Jen Alford
City of Whitehall	Shannon Sorrell
City of Worthington	Dan Whited
Columbus 2030 District	Eric Boxer
Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues	Tricia Kovacs
Columbus Public Health	Scott Ulrich
Columbus Public Safety	Sgt. Brooke Wilson
COTA	Kim Sharpe
Delaware County Public Health	Abbey Trimble
Delaware Public Safety	Chief Bruce Pijanowski
Epic Small	Jessica Mathews
Franklin County Economic Development	Brian Estabrook
Franklin County Engineer	Ronni Nimps
Franklin County Public Health	Layla Abraham
Franklinton Cycleworks	Jonathan Youngman
Lyft / COGO	Chet Ridenour
Michael Baker International	Lori Duguid
MKSK	Andrew Overbeck
ODOT	Cait Harley
ODOT District 5	Ben Boyer
ODOT District 6	Edie Parker
OSU CURA	Harvey Miller
Toole Design	David Shipps
United Way	Kermit Whitfield
Village of Lockbourne	Rachel Crumley
Wagenbrenner Development	Steve Bollinger
WSP	Jared Love
Yay Bikes!	Catherine Girves

RESOLUTION TAC-1-20

“REAFFIRMATION OF THE EXISTING TAC SUBCOMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AS A TAC SUBCOMMITTEE”

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is to provide technical advice to the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC); and

WHEREAS, this includes reviewing the outlines of procedures for the various phases of the Transportation Planning Process: methodology, projections, assumptions and recommended plans and programs before submission to the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the TAC may establish special subcommittees as may be required to provide supplemental technical personnel and advice necessary for the development and carrying out the planning process and promote implementation of the metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, often staff brings together a group around a particular issue or topic to assist staff or fill a specific need; and

WHEREAS, the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee was formed to coordinate communities around ITS issues and advise staff on maintaining the regional ITS Architecture; and

WHEREAS, several years ago, TAC recognized the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee as a TAC subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, in early 2019 an Active Transportation Working Group was formed to assist staff in the Active Transportation Plan update, Technical Assistance Program, Complete Streets Policy update and other active transportation related activities; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to transform the Active Transportation Working Group into a TAC subcommittee called the Active Transportation Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That this committee reaffirms the Central Ohio Intelligent Transportation System Committee as a TAC subcommittee.
- Section 2. That this committee recognizes the Active Transportation Committee as a TAC subcommittee.
- Section 3: That there is representation of the TAC on TAC subcommittees.
- Section 4: That each TAC subcommittee develop their own internal organization and administration policies to fit their particular needs.
- Section 5: That each TAC subcommittee provide periodic reports to TAC on their activities as needed with a minimum of one per year.

Section 6: 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.

Cindi Fitzpatrick
Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff