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## NOTICE OF A MEETING

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100  
COLUMBUS, OH 43215  
SCIOTO CONFERENCE ROOM

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**  
**9:00 a.m.**

### AGENDA

- I. 9:00 a.m. **Welcome & Introductions** – Holly Mattei, Chair
- II. 9:03 a.m. **Approval of October 31, 2018 Minutes** (enclosed)
- III. 9:05 a.m. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) – Thea Walsh, MORPC
  - Monthly Report - Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC
- IV. 9:15 a.m. **Funding Programs**
  - Attributable Funds Project Status Update - (handout) – Ronni Nimps, MORPC
  - **Proposed Resolution T-15-18:** "Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program" – Ronni Nimps, MORPC
- V. 9:20 a.m. **Proposed Resolutions**
  - **Proposed Resolution T-16-18:** "Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Add a New Work Element" – Aaron Schill, MORPC
- VI. 9:25 a.m. **2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**
  - 2050 Land Use Data Forecast - Maria Schaper & Aaron Schill, MORPC
- VII. 9:30 a.m. **Informational Items**
  - OSU Airport Master Plan – Doug Hammon, OSU Airport
  - Rickenbacker Airport Master Plan Status – David Wall, Rickenbacker Airport
  - Rickenbacker Study Update – Dina Lopez, MORPC
  - Ohio Public Works Commission Infrastructure and Conservation Updates – Nathaniel Vogt, MORPC
- VIII. 9:55 a.m. **Other Business**
  - Election of 2019 Officers – Holly Mattei, Chair
- IX. 10:00 a.m. **Adjourn**

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**Attributable Funds Committee Meeting to Follow this Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.**

William Murdock, AICP  
Executive Director

Rory McGuinness  
Chair

Karen J. Angelou  
Vice Chair

Erik J. Janas  
Secretary

**The next TAC Meeting is**  
**Wednesday, February 6, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.**  
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# Meeting Minutes



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 31, 2018  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Location: MORPC - Scioto

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**Members Present**

Holly Mattei	Mike McCann	Josh Lockhart
Maria Cantrell	Michael Meeks	Cindi Fitzpatrick
Reynaldo Stargell	Matthew Peoples	Robert Priestas
Jacolyn Thiel	Anthony Turowski	Tiffany Jenkins
Kim Moss	Ted Beidler	Frank Burkett
Adrian Burns	Greg Butcher	Morgan Kauffman
Denny Schooley	Kevin Weaver	James Young

**MORPC Staff Present**

Bernice Cage	Mary Ann Frantz	Ronni Nimps
Christina Tatum	Maria Schaper	Stephen Patchan
Thea Walsh	Brandi Whetstone	

**Guests Present**

Steve Farst, City of Groveport  
James Hise, Strand Associates  
Chantil Milam, Lawhon & Associates  
Kristin Studabaker, Carpenter Marty  
Kelsey Vandia, ODOT  
Jim Pajk, City of Columbus  
Tim Nittle, City of Columbus  
Megan Matrka, West Erie Realty  
Jerry Mills, Dynotec

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

- Chair Holly Mattei called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and asked the committee and guests to introduce themselves.

**II. Approval of October 4, 2018 Minutes**

- Chair Holly Mattei entertained a motion for the approval of the October 4, 2018 minutes; Ted Beidler moved; Reynaldo Stargell seconded; and the motion was passed.

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

- Thea started her presentation by informing the committee that staff has been busy working on the Attributable Funding Committee (AFC) process, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning (MTP) process, and attending conferences. She stated that staff attended and had sessions at the OTEC conference; the Rail~Volution Conference in Pittsburgh talking transit; Smart Regions Conference where staff competed for funding for the Hyperloop Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI), and there can be an additional opportunity where staff can get additional dollars through that effort; however, specifics have not come forward yet. She stated that MORPC was runner up in their category to a project in Cincinnati and won recognition as a leader MPO in the country – the first one to have a Smarts Regions Task Force, and a subsequent policy will be brought to the committee,

known as the Smart Streets Policy. She mentioned that the only other area doing something like this is the entire state of Colorado, which has all of its MPOs together doing something similar.

#### IV. Funding Programs

- Project Status Update - Attributable Funds – Ronni Nimps, MORPC
  - Ronni updated the committee on MORPC-Attributable Funding commitments for SFY 2019 and provided a handout listing the projects.

#### V. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Proposed Resolution: T-14-18: “Adopting Objectives and Performance Measures to be included in the 2020-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan” – Maria Schaper, MORPC
  - Maria gave the committee a thorough update on the objectives and performance measures of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). She stated that staff is still gathering data, addressed and answered questions, and asked the committee to vote on the Proposed Resolution T-14-18 to adopt the objectives and performance measures. Chair Holly Mattei entertained a motion to adopt the resolution; Morgan Kauffman moved; Robert Priestas seconded; the motion carried. The presentation can be found [here](#).

#### VI. Informational Items

- Smart Region Task Force – Thea Walsh, MORPC
  - Thea informed the committee that staff put forth a task force about a year ago of leaders in the region who have been working on digital infrastructure inclusion and planning like 33, Smart Columbus, Dublin, New Albany, and others. She stated that staff has a good group of people who are interested in working on including digital infrastructure and infrastructure transportation projects as they come along. She said that staff has three goals: 1). Smart Streets Policy; 2). A Playbook, which is how MORPC will proceed forward on all committees, not just transportation policy when it has to do with digital infrastructure and how staff moves that forward; 3). Best Practices Guide for local governments. She stated that as of today, staff has a very strong draft of the Smart Streets Policy, and it will be shared with the committee in January 2019.
- insight2050 Corridor Study – Jennifer Noll, MORPC
  - Jennifer presented on this subject and informed the committee that staff is anticipating the release of the final report and findings of the corridor study on November 29<sup>th</sup> and will present them to the committee. The presentation can be found [here](#).
    - **Update:** After this meeting was held, staff received notice that the results for insight2050 Corridor Concepts are going to be delayed. Staff will update the committee when the results are available.
- Green Infrastructure Toolkit – Rachael Beeman, MORPC
  - Rachael updated the committee on the changes that were made to the Green Infrastructure Toolkit over the last couple of months. She reminded the committee that MORPC was asked by our members to provide tools and resources on green

storm water infrastructure and its applicability and use in roadway projects. She encouraged the committee to take a look at the updated website and to use the interactive story map. The presentation can be found [here](#).

**VII. Other Business**

- **Title VI/Non-Discrimination Program 2018 - Mary Ann Frantz, MORPC**
  - Mary Ann presented on this subject and informed the committee that as a designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration funding, this program is updated every three years, which highlights MORPC's accomplishments, and it must be sent to the Federal and State Government. Although no action was required at this meeting, she informed the committee that a resolution will be presented at the Executive Committee meeting for approval. The presentation can be found [here](#).
  
- **Nominating Committee Report – Ted Beidler, Franklin County Engineer's Office**
  - Ted presented the nominating committee's report by announcing the nominee's for the 2019 TAC positions: Robert Priestas as Chair; Cindi Fitzpatrick as Vice Chair; and Thea Walsh, who will continue her role as Secretary. The positions will be voted on at the December TAC meeting.
  
- Chair Mattei informed the committee that an Attributable Funds Committee meeting will be taking place right after this meeting at 10 a.m. She then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting; Matt Peoples moved; Ted Beidler seconded; and the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Thea Walsh, Secretary  
Transportation Advisory Committee

# **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report**



## MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

November 2018

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# Transportation Systems & Funding

Thea Walsh - [twalsh@morpc.org](mailto:twalsh@morpc.org)

### ***Metropolitan Transportation Plan***

The objectives and performance measures were finalized for each of the six adopted goals. Each performance measure includes a benchmark (or baseline) and a 2025 and 2050 target. The objectives and performance measures were endorsed by the Community Advisory and Transportation Advisory Committees and adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee. The adopted objectives and performance measures includes both regional and national measures. By adopting the national performance measures and targets, MORPC is in compliance with recent USDOT rulemakings.

Staff continues to develop land use data and methodologies for forecasting future population and employment in the planning area. Other tasks include preparing and organizing internal databases for candidate project collection and evaluation.

### ***Transit, Mobility & Human Services***

#### ➤ **Gohio**

- Gohio Commute staff, with the assistance of regional transportation partners, finished their third annual Commuter Challenge at the end of October. The challenge this year was combined into two shorter challenges to encourage ridesharing throughout the year. The two challenges combined yielded 737 participants. These commuters logged 3,728 sustainable trips and reduced CO2 emissions by 21,242 lbs. Collectively, the challenge commuters saved \$11, 871 dollars by commuting sustainably.

#### ➤ **DATABus**

- The Delaware County Transit Board will begin working on its strategic plan as they move into the New Year, as a result of their new vision, values, mission, and strategy process.

#### ➤ **COTA**

- MORPC staff participated in the Hospitality C-pass roundtable event at the Crown Plaza. COTA, SID, and MORPC staff meet with hospitality C-pass ambassadors to discuss the C-pass program. Comments were favorable, and all hotels felt they were benefiting from the program.



➤ **5310 Designated Recipient**

- A Light-Transit Vehicle purchased through the 5310 Program was delivered to the City of Grove City.
- MORPC staff hosted a number of people involved with two senior shuttle/circulator pilot projects that are about to get underway, one in and by the City of Dublin and one in the Hilltop neighborhood by the Age Friendly Columbus Program. Besides representatives from both organizations, representatives from SHARE, Nelson/Nygaard, and The Ohio State University were present. The meeting was very productive and yielded good connections for both of the projects and how they can help each other out. MORPC staff is interested in comparing data from these two pilot projects.

➤ **Other**

- Short North Late Night Shuttle Pilot - MORPC continues to work with the Short North Alliance to implement the new parking shuttle pilot in support of the Short North Parking Plan. This new mobility option will provide employers and employees with an additional transportation option to leave work safely and use underutilized parking in Downtown Columbus from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. nightly. An RFP was posted on MORPC's website for operation of the service. Proposals are due December 13<sup>th</sup>, and staff has prepared a resolution for authority to enter into a contract for such services. The targeted date to launch the service is January 22, 2019, timed with the implementation of the parking plan.

**Transportation Planning Studies**

➤ **Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative**

- Tier I EIS Components Study: The City of Kenton approved a \$4,000 contribution towards this environmental study in support of the passenger rail component. The consultant continues to work on the data collection and analyses task. A meeting with MORPC staff has been scheduled to discuss remaining data needs on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Hyperloop Feasibility Study: MORPC held a work session with AECOM on November 12<sup>th</sup> to narrow down corridor alternatives between metro areas. AECOM is refining alternatives for corridors through the major metro areas and is preparing materials to have brief work sessions with corridor partners to refine metro area alternatives.

**Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)**

- Several subcommittee meetings were held and presentations made to the CORPO members' county's Board of Commissioners in late October/early November. Both CORPO and MORPC staff discussed the future of CORPO at these meetings, received additional feedback regarding CORPO's Transportation Plan priorities, and detailed each county's membership options. CORPO is currently putting the final touches on an Executive Summary, which includes a prioritized list of projects for the CORPO area. The CORPO Committee will meet next on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the MORPC office to further discuss priorities and the Executive Summary.

## **Infrastructure Funding**

### **➤ MORPC Attributable Funding**

- The Attributable Funding Committee (AFC) met on October 31<sup>st</sup> to review revised scores for the 39 applications in the current funding cycle and to begin discussions of scenarios for funding projects in accordance with program and category target levels. The committee met again on November 15<sup>th</sup> to further discuss funding scenarios and fiscal balance of existing and potential new awards. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the committee will reconvene to consider final adjustments to the draft recommendations of funding commitments and to approve the draft list for the public review and comment period.

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

- The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for District 3 (Franklin County) selected its officers for the 2018-2019 program year. Cornell Robertson, Franklin County Engineer, will serve as the chair, and Jennifer Gallagher, Director of Public Service for the City of Columbus, will serve as vice-chair.
- On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the PWIC held an application scoring session for Round 33 of the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program. The PWIC will have a working session on December 7<sup>th</sup> and will make its final selections at its meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

- MORPC announced the availability of \$4.1 million through the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for green space acquisition and stream corridor restoration in Franklin County. Local governments, park and joint recreation districts, conservancy districts, soil and water conservation districts, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for the grant funds. Applications are available on the MORPC website. Preliminary screeners are due on December 28, 2018, and final applications are due on March 15, 2019.

### **➤ Competitive Advantage Projects**

- The second round of the Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) process continues in preparation for new legislative members in 2019. County working groups are working to review their project priorities and report back before the end of this year. MORPC has also been working to engage Hocking County, as a new MORPC member, as well as other counties that did not identify projects during the first round. The updated CAP list should be ready in early 2019 to share during federal legislative visits in February.

# Data and Mapping

Aaron Schill, Director – [aschill@morpc.org](mailto:aschill@morpc.org)

## **Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)**

- The Committee will meet on December 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss, among other things, the prioritization of the goals and objectives of the new Regional Data Agenda.

## **Transportation**

- MORPC staff, JMT Technology Group staff, and local stakeholders will meet in late November and early December to kickoff the Paving the Way System Redesign project. The project will continue through the winter, and the new system is expected to launch next spring.
- Data & Mapping staff are working on population and employment projections and mapping for the upcoming (2020-2050) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- MORPC staff is preparing to begin work on the U.S. Department of Energy's Transportation Energy Analytics Dashboard (TEAD), in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Transportation Technology Laboratory. TEAD will be a first-of-its-kind resource that allows for real-time, detailed monitoring and analysis of the energy consumption and emissions of the regional transportation network.

## **Data & Mapping Support to MORPC Members, Programs, and Projects**

- The Data & Mapping team completed the first Regional Sustainability Agenda Report Card, which was released at the Summit on Sustainability on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The report card is an interactive digital resource that tracks progress toward MORPC's sustainability targets.
- The Smart Region Task Force held its monthly meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force continued work on the development of the Smart Region Playbook, which will guide the work of MORPC's staff and committees as it related to smart cities technologies and initiatives.
- Data & Mapping staff continues to provide data collection and analysis support for the Insight 2050 Corridor Concepts project and for the Insight2050 Technical Assistance program.

## **Data and Mapping Outreach and Collaboration**

- MORPC continues to partner with TeraData, Hands On Central Ohio, the Battelle Center at Ohio State, COTA, and Share to identify food access needs and challenges for clients of Hands On Central Ohio, and to identify first-mile/last-mile solutions to those challenges.
- Data and Mapping Staff continues to work with the CRM Technical Team to develop criteria for MORPC's future CRM system. Staff will continue with this project through March 2019.
- Aaron Schill, Data & Mapping Director, presented at OSU's Glen Leadership Forum on October 26<sup>th</sup> regarding preparations for the 2020 Census.
- Data and Mapping Staff attended the GIS Day Meeting at OSU on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Cheri Mansperger, GIS Manager, spoke on the topic of "Planes, Trains, Automobiles, Bikes and Buses: GIS at an MPO" at the event.

# Planning & Environment

Kerstin Carr - [kcarr@morpc.org](mailto:kcarr@morpc.org)

## Active Transportation Planning

### ➤ Complete Streets Review

- Team members participated in the following reviews:
  - Quarry Trails Connector Stage 0 to provide feedback for a feasibility study
  - Refugee Road, Winchester Pike to Hamilton Rd. Stage 3
  - Sawmill Pkwy, Seldom Seen Rd to Home Rd. Stage 2
- Staff presented to the OSU Environmental Professional Network (EPN) on the region's trail vision map and the Central Ohio Greenway's efforts in implementing that vision.

### ➤ Assistance to Members

- Short North Alliance borrowed counter equipment for its monthly Gallery Hop. Over 5,000 pedestrians were recorded during the event. MORPC has partnered with the Short North Alliance to conduct counts since 2015.

## insight2050

### ➤ Outreach

- Team members presented insight2050 and an overview of Corridor Concepts to a graduate studio at Ohio State, which is working on a planning effort in the Franklinton/Hilltop neighborhoods.

### ➤ insight2050 Corridor Concepts Study

- MORPC is overseeing completion of a final report and implementation framework, which will present the findings and recommendations of the study. A steering committee meeting was held in November, at which committee members led a robust discussion on the next steps for communications and messaging as the report becomes available.

### ➤ Technical Assistance (TA) Program

- Team members attended stakeholder open house meetings in Westerville and preparations are underway for December stakeholder meetings in Violet Township, City of Worthington, and the City of Delaware. Team is preparing materials, data, and reports to be presented at the meetings. The Violet Township, City of Worthington, and City of Delaware projects are expected to conclude in December 2018. The City of Westerville project will conclude in January 2019.

## Transportation Safety

### ➤ Regional Safety Plan

- MORPC hosted the Q4 meeting of the OARC Transportation Safety Planning Working Group, which featured an update on MORPC's regional safety plan and a presentation from NOACA on their safety planning process and implementation strategy. The Regional Transportation Safety Working Group established emphasis areas to be the focus of Central Ohio's safety plan. The group also met this month to begin developing strategies to address these emphasis areas.

## Sustainable2050

- Team members met with five Sustainable2050 members to assist them with the completion of Tier Status workbooks in time for December certification.

## Greenways & Water Resources Program

### ➤ Participation in Local and State Committees

- Team members attended the quarterly meeting of the Central Ohio Parties for Regional Invasive Species Management where attendees identified areas of opportunity and next steps for the partnership and met with the New York Adirondacks sister partnership to discuss funding strategies. The steering committee will meet again in December.

### ➤ Sustaining Scioto

- Team members have been meeting with key partners in order to move forward with the agriculture components of the Sustaining Scioto Plan's strategies. The subcommittee will be working with American Farmland Trust and other partners to advance a parallel effort in the Scioto Watershed.

### ➤ Central Ohio Water Resources Planning

- The Water Resources Working Group met on November 29, 2018 and heard a presentation from Jason Kentner, of Implement Studio on the Olentangy River Vision Plan. The group also heard a regular policy update, updates on the Regional Sustainability Agenda Report Card, local watershed group efforts, and an update on the Sustaining Scioto subcommittee. The group also made a recommendation on Chair and Vice-Chair for 2019. The announcement will be made in January 2019.

### ➤ Green Infrastructure Toolkit

- The Green Infrastructure Toolkit was updated and publicly released in November. With the most recent update of the toolkit, those in MORPC's area of interest have better access to training resources and local case studies. The training resources point to certifications, as well as educational tools and resources, which can be used as local governments make decisions regarding their stormwater.

### ➤ Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board Update

- The Central Ohio Greenways Board kicked off its planning study with the selected consultant, Mollard Consulting. A small steering committee has been put together to guide the 4 - 6 months project in identifying potential private and philanthropic funders and to better understand the funding appetite for trails in Central Ohio.

# Energy & Air Quality

Brandi Whetstone - [bwhetstone@morpc.org](mailto:bwhetstone@morpc.org)

## Air Quality

- The ozone season ended on October 31<sup>st</sup> with a total of eight air quality alerts occurring May through August. Air quality staff is working with MORPC's forecasters to produce a year-end air quality report on ozone and particulate matter that will be released in mid-December.
- The Idle Free Schools pilot program at Dempsey Middle School in Delaware, a partnership between MORPC and the American Lung Association (ALA), continues throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Students completed the first round of vehicle idling observations at their school, heard presentations from MORPC and ALA staff on the science behind air quality and why it's important for our health, what air quality is like in Central Ohio, and what everyone can do to improve air quality. Data from the observations have been used as the basis for student lessons on statistics. Students are now leading social media and communications campaigns to prompt behavior change on vehicle idling around the school. They are also leading an Idle Free pledge drive campaign for parents, teachers, and school bus drivers.
- Air quality staff supported the Gohio Commute program by presenting the awards for the October Commuter Challenge. We collected the personal stories of each of the winners to highlight the community support for alternative commuting options and celebrate the impact of the program and Gohio trip planning tools.

## Energy & Air Quality Working Group

- The next meeting of the Energy and Air Quality (E&AQ) Working Group is Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Nicole Sintov of The Ohio State University's School of Environment and Natural Resources will be the featured presenter. The Working Group will also finalize its Action Plan during this meeting including the vision, mission, goals, and implementation actions.

## Alternative Fuels/Electric Vehicles

- Staff continues to participate in bi-monthly calls with Smart Columbus, developing standards for EV charging infrastructure and providing support for outreach to local government members. Current activities surround fee structures for charging.
- During November, several local government members expressed interest in receiving MORPC's assistance with EV infrastructure planning and financing. Grove City is currently looking for additional funding to support an EV infrastructure incentive. Marysville-Union County Economic Development is pursuing an EV infrastructure plan and is seeking advice. Westerville has created a new staff position to look at strategic energy planning opportunities, including an EV infrastructure plan. Upper Arlington has said they would be interested in participating in a regional EV infrastructure plan if MORPC pursues that approach. Staff is considering the best approach to provide members with appropriate and cost-effective solutions.

## Local Government Energy Partnership

- EAQ staff is collecting input from the Benchmarking Program's beta-participants to improve the user-experience and guide the full program roll-out expected in early 2019. Staff is developing a report of lessons learned and improved approaches. The report will be discussed with JadeTrack and AEP Ohio, as well as presented to multiple committee meetings throughout December. All

participants have relayed that they appreciate the tool and are looking forward to incorporating it more into their activities.

- EAQ staff is also in the process of developing a Regional Roll-Up dashboard to display energy information for the entire MORPC region. Metrics displayed will likely include: total number of Energy Star buildings, average energy consumption, percent of fleets using alternative fuels, and installed capacity of renewable energy. Beta-participants have responded favorably to this.
- EAQ staff is also developing additional components to the LGEP for 2019, which will include an Energy Academy and a no-cost energy audit and renewable energy assessment for local government buildings.

# Public & Government Affairs

Terri Flora, Director – [tflora@morpc.org](mailto:tflora@morpc.org)

## ***Press Releases and Social Media***

- An announcement of \$4.1 Million of Clean Ohio Conservation Funds available for Round 13 was distributed to local media, placed on social media, and included in eSource.
  
- Media Interviews:
  - The Columbus Dispatch interviewed Stephen Patchen on the Regional Safety Plan.
  - This Week Community News interviewed Jennifer Noll on Worthington's and other Ohio cities Complete Streets Policies.
  - Pittsburgh Gazette interviewed Thea Welsh on Missouri's Hyperloop project.
  
- A resolution on the 2018 Title VI and the Limited English Proficiency Plan was presented and approved by MORPC.
  
- Staff attended a session by the Kirwan Institute on Equitable and Inclusive Civic Engagement.



**Proposed Resolution T-15-18:**

**"Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program"**



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Nick Gill, Assistant Director  
Transportation Systems & Funding

**DATE:** November 28, 2018

**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Resolution T-15-18:** "Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program"

Proposed Resolution T-15-18 will modify two projects on the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$8 million. In January, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of each project, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components. The amendment includes two projects with MORPC-attributable funding commitments:

- Columbus
  - Refugee Road Sidewalks and Multi-Use Path
  - Olentangy Trail Widening and Bethel Road Trailhead

Below is an explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP.

Columbus is requesting the modification of two projects:

- Advancing \$393,600 of MORPC-attributable funds from the construction phase of the Refugee Road sidewalk and multi-use path project to the right-of-way phase.
- Increasing MORPC-attributable funding by \$561,286 in the construction phase of the project to widen the Olentangy Trail and construct a new trailhead on Bethel Road.

These changes are consistent with the biennial project updates submitted by Columbus in June and approved by the Attributable Funds Committee in September. These changes are being incorporated ahead of the complete MORPC funding program adoption in March because the respective right-of-way and construction phases of the project will be authorized prior to that date.

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Attachments:

- Project Map
- Proposed Resolution T-15-18

RESOLUTION T-15-18

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

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

WHEREAS, Columbus has requested the modification of two projects on the 2018-2021 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 on December 3, 2018, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on December 5, 2018, recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2018-2021 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.
- Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP is maintained.
- Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as the projects are exempt from conformity requirements or have been included in the most recent air quality conformity approval.
- Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP as modified.
- Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT 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.

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Rory McGuiness, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2018-2021 TIP

# Resolution T-15-18

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**Agency:** Columbus

**PID:** 99743

**TIP ID:** 2950

**MTP ID:** 559

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-Olentangy Trail-Bethel Rd

**Length (mi.):** 1.5

**Project Type(s):** Multi-Use Path

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** *Olentangy Trail from Olentangy River Rd/Bethel Rd to Antrim Park, Multi-Use Path, widen the trail from 9' to 12', connect the trail to Bethel Rd and add multi-use path on N side of Bethel Rd to Olentangy River Rd and Anheuser Busch Park; new trail head.*

**Bike Components:** Multi-use path. 0.6 mi. added to bike network.

**Ped Components:** Multi-use path. 0.6 mi. added to ped network.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount	
2019	Construction	TAP-M	\$2,665,951	<b>MORPC Funds</b>
2019	Construction	Local	\$666,488	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$3,332,439</b>	

**Agency:** Columbus

**PID:** 99744

**TIP ID:** 2951

**MTP ID:** 560

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-CR014-01.99

**Length (mi.):** 1.8

**Project Type(s):** Sidewalks/Multi-Use Path

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** *Refugee Road from Winchester Pike to Hamilton Road, Sidewalks & Multi-Use Path, including mid-block crossing at COTA stop.*

**Bike Components:** Multi-use path. Located on the south side. Connect to the existing path on the east side of Hamilton Rd. 1.8 mi. added to bike network.

**Ped Components:** Sidewalk on 1 side, multi-use path on 1 side. Sidewalk on north side; path on south side. 3.6 mi. added to ped network.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount	
2019	Right-of-Way	TAP-M	\$513,600	<b>MORPC Funds</b>
2019	Right-of-Way	Local	\$128,400	
2020	Construction	TAP-M	\$3,210,056	<b>MORPC Funds</b>
2020	Construction	Local	\$802,514	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$4,654,570</b>	

### Summary of Funding Sources

Source	Description	Total Amount
Local	Local Public Agency	\$1,597,402
TAP-M	Transportation Alternatives, Attributable to MORPC	\$6,389,607
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$7,987,009</b>

Funds in FYs prior to 2018 are not included in this report nor in the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

LR = Long Range (after SFY 2021, the last year of the TIP). LR funds are shown for information only and are not included in the TIP.

**Proposed Resolution T-16-18:**

**"Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Add a New Work Element"**



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Transportation Policy Committee

**FROM:** Aaron Schill, Director  
Regional Data & Mapping

**DATE:** November 28, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-16-18: "Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Add a New Work Element"

Resolution T-16-18 amends the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program (PWP) to add a new Work Element to conduct an analysis of selected regional corridors to further insight2050, COTA NextGen, and Connect Columbus principles for compact development to support multimodal and high-capacity transit options.

MORPC took over management of the Paving the Way construction project and road closure notification system from the City of Columbus in 2017. MORPC is now seeking to improve the operation of Paving the Way through development of a new database and new user interfaces, which will reduce the strain on limited staff resources while improving system functionality and expanding its geographic scope to the entire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area.

The redesign of the [pavingtheway.org](http://pavingtheway.org) website will provide significant improvements to public users, including improved mapping, greater project details and search/filtering capabilities, and enhanced notification options. These public-facing upgrades will deliver more timely and relevant information about construction projects and road closures to a larger audience throughout Central Ohio.

Equally important to the website improvements is the development of a new database and system to manage project information. The new Paving the Way system will capture more detailed information about projects and will allow for the creation of user accounts by local jurisdictions and their contractors so that project information can be dynamically updated in the system. Currently, jurisdictions and contractors must call or email MORPC to update construction and road closure information, and those updates must be manually entered by MORPC staff. By removing several steps in this process, updates will be more timely and easier for all users. This new functionality will allow for the system to be extended throughout the MPO area and for smaller projects to be included.

MORPC has hired JMT Technology Group to develop the new Paving the Way system, with the goal of launching the new system in early 2019, prior to the beginning of construction season. In order to complete the project in this timeframe, more funds than are allocated to the 2019 PWP Paving the Way Work Element (66549-0400) are

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required. However, because the new Paving the Way system will operate more efficiently than does the current system, fewer funds will need to be allocated for management of the Paving the Way system in future PWPs. The proposed resolution begins the SFY 2020 PWP Paving the Way Work Element (66550-0400) early in order to make available the funds necessary to complete the system redesign. It does not change the total funding available for this Work Element, it simply lengthens the period over which the Work Element will be completed.

Attachment: Resolution T-16-18

RESOLUTION T-16-18

**"Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Add a New Work Element"**

WHEREAS, following review by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), the Transportation Policy Committee accepted the MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) for Fiscal Year 2019 by Resolution T-7-18; and

WHEREAS, PWP Work Element 66549-0400: Paving the Way SFY19 provides for a system to update the public on transportation project construction and other road closure information; and

WHEREAS, MORPC took over management of the Paving the Way system from the City of Columbus in 2017; and

WHEREAS, a system redesign and upgrades are necessary to improve the efficiency, functionality, and geographic extent of the system to the entire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, this system redesign requires more funding than is currently allocated to PWP Work Element 66549-0400, but will result in reduced costs to manage the system in the future and the delivery of better construction and road closure information to the public; and

WHEREAS, SFY 2020 PWP Work Element 66550-0400 will begin early to provide the necessary funding to complete the system redesign in a timely manner, but the total funds available for this Work Element will not change; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its December 3, 2018 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its December 5, 2018 meeting recommended adoption of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it hereby amends the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program (PWP) to add new work elements as shown in the attachment.
- Section 2. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio and U.S. Departments of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the activity.
- Section 3. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of this amendment by the Transportation Policy Committee.
- 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 the committee.

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Rory McGuinness, Chair  
**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**

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Date

The purpose of this work element is to provide transportation project construction information to the public. Paving the Way acts as a liaison between the government agencies implementing projects and the public, and it is unique in that it provides information on all construction projects affecting traffic regardless of which agency (state, local, or utility) is responsible. Paving the Way addresses construction management and communication on a regional, rather than project, basis. The program regularly provides information and education to the public on roadway construction, traffic management, and work zone safety and alternative transportation options with the goal of ensuring that drivers experience the least possible inconvenience while traveling in and around Central Ohio.

Paving the Way is a program that has existed since 1990 to monitor the status of projects as they are ready to go to construction and throughout the duration of construction. Although the program had been staffed by the City of Columbus Department of Public Service for many years, it was transitioned to MORPC beginning in Fiscal Year 2018.

Product: Method	Agency/ies:	Schedule:
Project Coordination: Work with agencies to maintain the status of ongoing construction projects and projects expected to go to construction in the next construction season. This includes hosting an annual meeting to review upcoming, construction-season projects, as well as other regular meetings from which those involved would benefit.	MORPC, ODOT, county engineers, city, village, and township contacts	Ongoing
Communications and Outreach: Provide construction and traffic management information and education to motorists and pedestrians through such channels as the media, employers and businesses, and community groups. Methods for doing this include website maintenance and updates, press releases and media inquiries, social media posts, e-mail alerts, responses to community members' inquiries, and the production of printed materials such as the "glovebox guide." The messages will also include information providing alternative strategies and routes and options and messages promoting work zone safety and demand reduction.	MORPC	Ongoing

**Related Activities:**

Transportation Improvement Program (see 60209-3000)  
 Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data (see 60519-2000)

**Budget**

Total Work Element Budget: \$150,000                      \$150,000 STBG  
 Spent Previous Year(s): \$0  
 Remaining Work Element Budget: \$150,000  
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