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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, February 14, 2019
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m.
1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair
 3. **Executive Director's Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - a. **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Coordinator
 4. **Proposed Resolution 01-19: "Accepting Morrow County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

2:00 p.m.

Committees

5. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair
 - a. **Call to Order** – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair
 - b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
 - Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Walsh, Director
 - Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, Director

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Rory McGuiness
Chair

Karen J. Angelou
Vice Chair

Erik J. Janas
Secretary

c. Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

- 1) Approval of **December 13, 2018 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 2) **Proposed Resolution T-1-19: “Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to include an On-Board Survey in COTA’s Work Element 67401”**

d. 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director and Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director

e. Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair

2:30 p.m. **6. Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Tom Kneeland (City of Gahanna), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair

7. Regional Policy Roundtable – Kim Maggard (City of Whitehall), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

a. Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joe Ritter, MORPC Director of Government Affairs

8. Sustainability Advisory Committee – Mike Compton (City of Pataskala), Sustainability Advisory Committee Vice Chair

9. Commission Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of **December 13, 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes**
- b. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

10. Other Business

3:00 p.m. **11. Adjourn** – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair

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The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, March 15, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
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MORPC Monthly Agency Report *December 2018 & January 2019*

Communications & Engagement

Bernice Cage, Interim Director bcage@morpc.org

MORPC officially kicked off its rebranding. The roll out of the new logo (above) and other elements of its brand identity is scheduled the first part of the year. Expect to see the updated logo, colors, fonts and graphics on all of the agency's signage, printed and digital materials.

A new Enhanced Mobility webpage was added to MORPC's website to further highlight the 5310 program for mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities, as well as the Delaware and Franklin Counties Coordinated Plan.

State of the Region

MORPC's annual State of the Region luncheon is Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Registration opens in February. More details about the State of the Region can be found at www.morpc.org.

Diversity & Inclusion

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission unanimously endorsed the recommendations of the Diversity in Local Government Working Group at the December Commission meeting. The Working Group reviewed regionally focused diversity initiatives and communication strategies, sought approaches to improve diverse representation and voices in MORPC's work, and developed specific action items for MORPC to implement. The recommendations will be incorporated into the 2019-2020 Diversity & Inclusion Work Plan.

Local Government Summer Intern program

Requests were collected and the opportunities were posted at area schools as well as Wilberforce and Central State. MORPC will continue to seek candidates until all opportunities are filled.

MORPC reached out to the OSU STEPP program which is largely for first year students transitioning to their second year. MORPC also reached out to the OSU Diversity and Inclusion Office, an OSU career services program that helps students from diverse backgrounds, and Ohio University Urban Studies program.

Government Affairs

Joe Garrity is serving as MORPC's Government Affairs Director under the guidance of Shawn Hufstедler in Operations while also working with William Murdock. A new Government Affairs page was added to the website as a one-stop shop for policy related information. The Regional Policy Roundtable continues to have its own committee webpage.

See attachment for more MORPC Membership News

Transportation & Infrastructure Development

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Team Members completed initial population and employment allocations for internal review and began reviewing local community plans to identify candidate projects to be evaluated for possible inclusion in the MTP. Additionally, the project evaluation criteria is now being reviewed and developed. Both the population and employment allocations and the project evaluation criteria will be presented to the CAC, TAC and Transportation Policy Committee in the coming months. Candidate projects will be made available for public review and comment in the summer of 2019, along with the opportunity to make new project suggestions.

Gohio

The MORPC Gohio Team initiated contact with other Central Ohio organizations that are planning sustainable mobility campaigns in 2019 to create a coalition of representatives with a common goal. The coalition will discuss national, state, and organization-specific campaign events in order to encourage support of these events. Future meetings will hopefully lead to an increase in partnership so that each marketing campaign can have more support and a better impact towards behavior change in regards to transportation.

5310 Designated Recipient

A new round of Section 5310 Funding opened January 7. Applications are due February 11. Two information sessions were held January 16 at DATABus' office and January 17 at MORPC's offices. Due to constraints around the timing of ODOT's renewal of vehicle contracts, vehicles will not be an option for applicants this round.

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. MORPC received two responses to a RFP for operation of the service. A contract with Columbus Yellow Cab, working with subcontractor Empower Bus, was executed and the service launched January 22, timed with the implementation of the Short North Parking Plan.

Tier I EIS Components Study

In early December 2018, MORPC, the study consultant team, and a staff member from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) held a conference call to discuss the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) studies. This marked the beginning of FRA's involvement in the RSTI studies. The study consultant team continues to work on the purpose and need statements which are requirements for surface transportation projects seeking environmental approvals. The purpose and need statements include one for Hyperloop and one for passenger rail. A meeting was held January 17 between the RSTI consultants, MORPC, and ODOT technical staff to discuss freight data sets to be used in the Tier I EIS Components Study, as well as the Hyperloop Feasibility Study.

Hyperloop Feasibility Study

The consultant team is currently working on route alternatives across the entire corridor. Five conference calls with Virgin Hyperloop One were held relating to alignment options.

Western Fairfield and Licking County Thoroughfare Plan

The January 17 Western Fairfield and Licking County Thoroughfare Plan Kick-Off Meeting introduced the concept of a Thoroughfare Plan, identified the purpose of the plan, and completed an initial review of existing conditions, as well as discussed the scope and timeline

for completion of the plan. Next steps include sharing population and employment forecasts with study area communities and collecting and developing data for analyses. Completion is expected by the end of 2019.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) met December 3 and adopted an Executive Summary which included a prioritized list of transportation projects.

The approved Executive Summary and updated CORPO Transportation Plan were uploaded and submitted to ODOT on December 14. The CORPO Transportation Plan was then submitted by ODOT to the Governor's Office and is awaiting designation as the state's sixth Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO).

During the December meeting Team Members outlined membership options and costs. Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Morrow, and Union Counties have agreed to join either CORPO or both MORPC and CORPO as paying members.

MORPC Attributable Funding

The Attributable Funding Committee (AFC) met December 5 to consider final adjustments to the draft recommendations of funding commitments. The AFC approved a draft list of projects that was published for public comment between December 18, 2018 and January 18, 2019. On January 25 a caucus of agencies with an attributable funding commitment met to coordinate project timing among sponsors to achieve fiscal balance across the portfolio of funded projects.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for OPWC District 3 comprising Franklin County met December 14 and approved awards for infrastructure projects. The funds were available as grants and loans through Round 33 of the State Capital Improvements Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program. The slate of awards is available here: <http://www.morpc.org/news/more-than-28-million-awarded-to-11-local-communities-in-franklin-county/>.

Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)

The NRAC received nine preliminary screener applications from six agencies intending to apply for Round 13 Clean Ohio Conservation funding. The total amount requested is \$8.6 million for the \$4.2 million available. Applicants presented their proposals to the NRAC January 10. Pre-applications are not required to be eligible to submit final applications, which are due March 15.

BUILD & INFRA

U.S. DOT announced awards on December 11 for BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development). No Central Ohio applications were funded. Three applications were funded in the state. Within MORPC's MPO territory, the City of Columbus submitted a \$20 million request for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads/Innerbelt project and Delaware County submitted a \$20 million request for the I-71 and US 36/SR 37/Sunbury Parkway interchange. Within the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization's territory, ODOT submitted an \$8 million request for the I-70 and SR 29 interchange in Madison County. Applicants may request de-brief calls to learn how the projects were evaluated.

U.S. DOT also released the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY2019 cycle of Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) funding. INFRA provides federal financial assistance to highway and freight projects of national or regional significance, with an estimated \$850 to \$900 million available this round. MORPC is coordinating with local partners to ensure that quality

application(s) are received from the region, which could include re-submission of some of the projects submitted for BUILD funding.

Competitive Advantage Projects

The second round of the Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) process is wrapping up in preparation for new legislative members in 2019. County working groups have coordinated to review their project priorities and identify projects that are shovel-ready. The updated CAP list should be ready in time to share during federal legislative visits in February.

Data and Mapping

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Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The Committee met December 18 to discuss the prioritization of the goals and objectives of the new Regional Data Agenda, formation of new working groups, and possible new members. The next meeting is March 19.

The Committee identified four priority projects to focus for 2019:

- Creation of a Regional Data Users Group
- CURA Sustainability Observatory
- Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy
- Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit

Aaron Schill and Data & Mapping Team Members attended COSMOS Fiber Group meetings in November and December to discuss fiber optic connectivity, mapping, and the group's proposed relationship with RDAC.

Transportation Coordination

Team Members and JMT Technology Group are continuing their work on the Paving the Way System Redesign. Two stakeholder meetings were held in November for information gathering and to review requirements.

MORPC Team Members continue to 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's 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. The kick-off is planned for late January.

Support to MORPC Members, Programs, and Projects

The Smart Region Task Force held its most recent meeting December 11. The Task Force moved to adopt the first of their deliverables, the Smart Streets Policy, and to forward the Policy to Commission. The Task Force also heard a presentation by Patrick Harris of COTA.

Outreach and Collaboration

Data & Mapping Team Member Cheri Mansperger wrote an article on the Collaborative GIS Project in Central Ohio for the Denver Regional Council of Governments. The article can be accessed here:

<https://drcog.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/d/B79AC8F571D1076E2540EF23F30FEDED/EE7C02F702427506F1E87EB810D8F10A>

Planning & Sustainability

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Complete Streets Review

Team Members participated in Complete Streets reviews at Worthington-Galena Road (Stage 3 planning), Refugee Road (Stage 3 planning), and at Sawmill Road (Stage 1/Stage 2 planning). Suggested recommendations for these projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian access were made by Team Members.

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Team Members continued close coordination with the consultant team to draft a comprehensive findings report and implementation guidance. A final draft was prepared in January and will be reviewed and finalized with project partners in February.

Team Members led a Complete Streets workshop on January 9. Local stakeholders were informed about Complete Streets principles and Complete Streets policy components. MORPC worked with Delaware County Health District staff to complete the Outreach Toolkit which is now under review by City of Delaware staff and expected to be finalized in February. Technical design guideline deliverables are expected to be completed by March.

Team Members participated in a final stakeholder meeting with Violet Township Community Center Development Project. Stakeholders were presented with proposed land use, street network, and traffic impact maps. The final comprehensive report is currently undergoing internal review and is expected to be finalized with Violet Township staff the first week of February.

Team Members are compiling information for the final report including state and regional case study materials on infill redevelopment and light industrial development for the City of Westerville Brookside Redevelopment Project. Team Members made updates to existing conditions transportation maps and will begin formatting the final report in February. The project is expected to conclude by March.

Team Members finalized the content and completed the template for a Complete Streets Implementation Toolkit with roadway classifications, land use considerations, and design guidelines for the City of Worthington. Team Members developed cross-sections and began coordinating with the city's bike/pedestrian consultant team to finalize the cross-sections by late January and finalized a draft of the city's Complete Streets Policy. All remaining deliverables are expected to be finalized with City of Worthington staff by February.

The Spring 2019 insight2050 Academy begins March 1. Applications will be available in February. This program will have a heavy focus on transportation and mobility, with topics ranging from active transportation and complete streets to emerging technologies.

OARC Transportation Safety Planning

MORPC hosted the quarterly meeting of Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Transportation Safety Planning working group. The working group discussed various ways in which MPOs can coordinate on safety planning and brainstormed ideas for project funding proposals to the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC), which provides funding for safety related projects. At least one of the project ideas will be further developed and prepared for presentation in 2019. Team Members attended the Q4 meeting of the TRCC on behalf of OARC and will continue in this role in 2019.

Regional Safety Plan

At the working group's December and January meetings, members refined strategies and action items to directly improve travel behaviors and safety conditions along Central Ohio roadways. MORPC Team Members compiled input from the working group and focus groups to finalize these action items. A comprehensive draft of the plan is now in development and anticipated to be completed by the end of Q1 2019.

Sustainable2050

Three more Sustainable2050 members have completed the Tier Status workbook. Their designated levels were approved by the Sustainability Advisory Committee at the December meeting. All three members will certify their Tier Statuses and be formally recognized by MORPC's Commission in February. Congratulations to Grove City (Gold), Whitehall (Silver), and Metro Parks (Gold) on their outstanding sustainability efforts!

At the Q4 2018 meeting, attendees heard from the first cohort of certified members, including Dublin, Genoa Township, Lockbourne, and Upper Arlington. Presentations highlighted the communities' efforts and challenges faced in creating sustainability programs and projects – and documenting those efforts for the Sustainable2050 program.

Central Ohio Greenways Board

The Central Ohio Greenways Board met January 23, led by new Board Chair Letty Schamp, City of Hilliard. The COG Trail Development working group is primarily focused on implementation of the regional trail vision plan and prioritizing trail segments for funding. Eric Oberg, Rails to Trails Conservancy, provided an overview of a prioritization tool for COG to consider to aid in the trail prioritization process.

The COG Partnership working group is focused on developing and sustaining extensive multidisciplinary partnerships with businesses, political leaders, and potential funder. They are working closely with a consulting team on a fundraising planning study. The fundraising study will provide a "case for support" for COG, an internal operational structure evaluation, and an actionable blueprint for engaging future funding and partners. The results of the study will help guide the working groups' goals for this year.

The COG Marketing & Communications working group is focused on increasing COG awareness through website updates and continued active Facebook presence. The group is working on a new Board member interview series that will be distributed on social media over the next year.

A new working group, Operations & Access, evolved out of the COG Programming working group. This working group is responsible for considering the day to day necessities of a trail system to meet the needs of today's trail users and users of the future. The team is focused on making COG trails accessible to all people through the development of operational best practices.

In addition, the COG Board is asked to consider and emphasize social equity within each of their working groups' actions. The Board should focus their goals on ensuring that everyone, especially residents in traditionally underserved communities, is equitably connected to our region's trails.

Sustaining Scioto

The subcommittee met in December to draft objectives for two components of the Short Term Implementation plan and to continue to refine the previously drafted components by March.

Team Members continue to work with partners to develop an agricultural partnership program in pursuit of short term objectives of the plan.

Central Ohio Water Resources Working Group

At the January 31 Water Resources Working Group meeting Alana Shockey presented on the Sustainable Columbus program, the objectives of the Steering Committee, and highlighted the water quality and conservation components of the initiative. Jennifer Fish was confirmed as the 2019 Chair and Kent Halloran was confirmed as the 2019 Vice-Chair.

Central Ohio Water Resources Planning

The 3rd sub-region meeting for the 208 Planning Initiative was held in Etna Township with about 30 representatives from Licking and Fairfield Counties. Attendees learned about the project and helped identify missing sewer district lines and pollution points.

Energy & Air Quality

MORPC's air quality program released the Central Ohio End of Year Air Quality Report in December 2018. The full report is available here: <http://www.morpc.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/MORPC-Air-Quality-End-of-Season-Report-2018-Final.pdf>.

With the start of ozone season approaching March 1, Team Members are working to produce a marketing plan laying out programming and events and strategies.

Team Members continue to work with Dempsey Middle School on the Idle Free Schools pilot program.

Air quality staff is collaborating with OSU staff and professors on two projects. Dr. Joe Campbell is coordinating with MORPC to produce a series of educational air quality videos. Dr. Nicole Sintov and graduate students are working with MORPC to research the behavior change implications of the modes and content of messaging used to communicate Air Quality Alerts.

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group finalized its Action Plan and will implement it in 2019 beginning at the January 22 meeting featuring Jimmy Smith from ChargePoint. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Working Group were held and the leadership will be acknowledged at the January meeting.

Alternative Fuels/Electric Vehicles (EV)

Team Members continue to participate in bi-monthly calls with Smart Columbus, developing standards for EV charging infrastructure and providing support for outreach to local government members. MORPC contracted with Marysville-Union County Economic Development (M-UCED) to develop an EV infrastructure pre-planning memorandum. This memo will clearly define the opportunities for M-UCED when planning for EV infrastructure on the county-scale and the process and cost. It is expected that this memo will lead to the pursuit and development of an EV infrastructure plan for Marysville-Union County.

Local Government Energy Partnership (LGEP)

Team Members are preparing for the launch of the full Benchmarking Program in February. A Regional Roll-Up dashboard to display energy information for the MORPC region is in development. Team Members are also developing additional components to the LGEP for 2019, which includes an Energy Academy, Energy Consortium, Recognition Program, and a no-cost energy audit and renewable energy assessment for local government buildings.

City of Columbus Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Team Members are advising the City on the development of their current Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory which is part of a broader commitment that includes reporting to the Climate Disclosure Project. The City recently hired an Energy Manager and the MORPC Team is providing further guidance and assistance on the methodology they created for the previous GHG inventory.

Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge

The MORPC Team has been involved with planning to support the City of Columbus in their efforts to meet the goals set by the American Cities Climate Challenge. MORPC has been engaged with the energy audits working group to support the goal to significantly increase the number of energy audits using the established Community Energy Savers model in priority neighborhoods that experience a high energy burden.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Sustainability Advisory Committee met December 19 and Team Members presented the results of the energy benchmarking pilot and next steps, and the Regional Sustainability Agenda report card. The next meeting is February 13.

Congratulations to the new SAC members:

- Letty Schamp, Deputy City Engineer, City of Hilliard
- Glenn Taylor, Chief Sustainability Officer, COTA
- Aslyne Rodriguez, Founder and CEO, EmpowerBus
- Greg Butcher, Township Engineer, Violet Township
- Jennifer Fish, Executive Director, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

Residential Services

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WarmChoice

January initial inspections are ahead of projections and on track to meet the January completion goal. The team is in a good position to exceed 500 again in 2019.

The WarmChoice program is being honored with the Exemplary Program Award by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. Columbia Gas, as well as each of the provider organizations, have been recognized as implementing the WarmChoice program - a model of collaboration and innovation.

HWAP (Home Weatherization Assistance Program)

HWAP production is proceeding normally and should meet or exceed the monthly and YTD goal by the end of January.

Team Members are working with funders at the Ohio Development Services Agency to coordinate efforts with multi-family units located in MORPC's HWAP area. This could add significant production.

Electric Partnership Program (EPP)

The Team is adding two new baseload auditors soon to ramp up production for EPP. The next available training class at COAD is in April. In the meantime; staff is training with the lead baseload auditor.

MORPC is exploring marketing opportunities to increase the number of applications for EPP, which also supplies applications for the other residential programs. Team Members met with the EPP marketing consultant for Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE), who will be providing potential marketing ideas.

AEP-CAP

MORPC passed the monitoring visit for the AEP-CAP program with no findings. This reflects the great work by the team.

Home Repair Programs

The Team is preparing for a monitoring visit for the Franklin County Urgent Needs program.

New members of the Housing Advisory Board (HAB) were confirmed and Team Members continue to follow up on appointments. There were no applications submitted for the January meeting.

Administration

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Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 30th consecutive year, MORPC received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program) to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

MORPC again received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The award is presented for excellence in financial reporting and is provided to entities that file a CAFR and timely financial reports in accordance with GAAP and receive a clean audit report with no findings.

Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP)

The Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) for 2019 was approved by ODOT. The fringe rate is 59% (reduced from 61.0% of direct labor costs) and the overhead rate is 57.2% (increased from 55.0% of direct labor and fringe costs).

Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members began in December & January:

- Planning & Sustainability Water Resources Intern Edwina Teye began December 27
- Planning & Sustainability Senior Planner Lauren Cardoni began January 2
- Communications & Engagement and Residential Services Executive Assistant Melissa Sharp began January 2
- Director of Residential Services Robert Williams began January 28

MORPC is currently recruiting for two (2) open positions:

- Residential Services Energy Auditor
- IT Service Specialist

MORPC is currently interviewing or in the process of extending offers of employment for the following positions:

- Planning & Sustainability Water Resources Intern
- Residential Services Electric Baseload Auditor
- Director of Communications & Engagement

The requirements for the posted positions are available for review on the website at

<http://www.morpc.org/careers/>.

RFP/RFQ Postings

The following RFP's/RFQ's were posted:

- Short North Late Night Parking Shuttle Pilot – amended 12/3/2018 – closed 12/13/2018
- RFQ for HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Program
- RFQ for Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Program

The full RFP/RFQs are available at <http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqs/>.

Attachment

Commission Member updates

- Prairie Township – Tracy Hatmaker retired. New administrator is Robert Peters.
- Knox County joined MORPC with three representatives: Jeffry Harris, Teresa Bemiller, and Thom Collier.
- Ross County dropped out of MORPC.
- Perry County – Scott Owen replaces David Freriks.
- Pickerington – Dave Gulden replaces Glen Hacker.

MORPC will participate in the May 4 COSI Science Festival COSI is preparing for 20,000+ people to attend. For more information on the free event, please visit www.cosiscifest.org.

MORPC in the News

MORPC was mentioned in the news 12 times during December and January in articles on insight2050 projections, air quality, OPWC awards, funding for transportation projects and mobility, Knox County joining MORPC, MORPC branding, Fix our Roads Ohio, Financial Reporting Award, Government Affairs Director, Residential Services Director, and MORPC as a national leader recognition by FHWA and FTA.

Social Media and Website

Social media included the following topics: State of the Region Award nominations; Air quality end-of-season report; MORPC-attributable funding comment period; Short North pilot RFP; Downtown C-pass; Columbus Underground Confluence Podcast featuring COTA and sponsored by MORPC; Diversity in Local Government; Southeast Regional Collaboration Meeting, Residential Services, Communications and Engagement, and other job opportunities; Clean Ohio funding; Green Infrastructure Toolkit; Franklin County Energy Study; MORPC Emerging Leaders Program; Diversity in Local Government; State of the Region and awards; Knox County joining MORPC; Public Works Commission funding; MORPC Data User Personas featured by Sunlight Foundation; Hyperloop One visit; Transportation funding at the state level; New population estimates; Data user personas; COTA Level 2 Snow Emergency free rides; MORPC composting program; William Murdock appointed to DriveOhio Government Advisory Board; Congressman Balderson on transportation committee; Hyperloop One 10 Things You Didn't Know video; and Options in Capital Asset Financing event.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
Officers and Board Members

FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: February 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 01-19: "**Accepting Morrow County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)**"

On January 28, 2019, the Morrow County Commissioners approved a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO). The attached resolution accepts Morrow County as a member of MORPC, which will help meet the desire of MORPC's membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The dues for Morrow County will be assessed at a pro-rated rate of \$15,070 (for 11 months of 12 months at \$16,435).

Attachment: Resolution 01-19

William Murdock, AICP
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RESOLUTION 01-19

“Accepting Morrow County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, Morrow County recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s mission is to be the regional voice and a catalyst for sustainability and economic prosperity in order to secure a competitive advantage for Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Morrow County has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of MORPC’s members to continue to grow for the benefit of strong collaboration on regional issues; and

WHEREAS, Morrow County will be assessed dues based on the 2019 population projection; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2019, the Morrow County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to join the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO); and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2019, the Morrow County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That Morrow County is accepted as a member of MORPC effective February 14, 2019.
- Section 2. That the Articles of Agreement provide that two (2) members of the Morrow County Board of Commissioners are eligible to serve as voting members or that the Commissioners may appoint up to two (2) members to serve on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That net 2019 dues of \$15,070 will be pro-rated as of the date of membership (February 14, 2019) and assessed to Morrow County for one year.
- Section 4. That Morrow County shall be entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the County based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 6. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Rory McGuiness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: February 14, 2019
Submitted by: William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by: Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Coordinator
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: February 14, 2019



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 13, 2018
Time: 2:59 p.m.
Location: Scioto Conference Room

Transportation Policy Committee Members

Chris Amorose Groomes	Matt Greeson	Allen Rothermel
Mike Anderson	Marian Harris	Lauren Rummel
Karen Angelou	Matt Huffman	Michael Schadek
Herb Asher	Erik Janas	Jim Schimmer
Trudy Bartley	Emily Keeler	Elissa Schneider
Jeff Benton	Steve Kennedy	Roby Schottke
Ron Bullard	Thomas Kneeland	David Simmons
Steve Campbell	Greg Lestini	Keena Smith
Derrick Clay	Glen Marzluf	Ike Stage
Mike Compton	Dana McDaniel	Joe Stefanov
Karl Craven	Bonnie Michael	Mike Stevens
William Dorman	Megan O'Callaghan	Steve Stolte
Brand Ebersole	Joanna Pinkerton	Carrie Woody
Sophia Fifner	Clark Rausch for Don	
Jennifer Gallagher	Schonhardt	
Catherine Girves	Cornell Robertson	

Commission Members

Franklin Christman	Tim Hansley	Eric Phillips
Joy Davis	Mitch Noland	David Scheffler

MORPC Staff

Bernice Cage	Ciel Klein	Shari Saunders
April Drake	Eileen Leuby	Aaron Schill
Joe Garrity	Shalise Logan	Bevan Schneck
Nick Gill	William Murdock	Susan Tsen
Shawn Hufstedler	Stephen Patchan	Thea Walsh
Betsy Hunkar	Leo Phrak	Brandi Whetstone

Guests

Morgan Schroeder, Strand Associates	Dawn Tyler Lee, City of Columbus
Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter	

Meeting Called to Order

Acting Chair Karen Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Transportation Systems & Funding – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director**
MORPC was recognized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration as a national leader in evaluating environmental justice impacts on a regional scale and in embracing new and emerging technologies. MORPC's environmental justice reporting process will be highlighted as a best practice in an upcoming FHWA Technical Report. Nick Gill and Bernice Cage lead the environmental justice reporting process.

Both attributable funding and OPWC funding rounds are in process. Preliminary project lists for both have been selected. The proposed OPWC projects equal \$28 million and the proposed attributable funding projects equal \$25 million. The OPWC will meet December 14 to make final selections. There will be a caucus of Attributable Funds awardees to determine who gets what and when. Recommendations will be brought to the Transportation Policy Committee in March/April. This has been a relatively low funding year and Ms. Walsh appreciates the professional decorum of the communities involved.

The consent agenda includes the TIP Amendment for advancing the Refugee Road sidewalks and multi-use path project as well as increasing funds for the Olentangy Trail and Bethel Trail widening project. The PWP amendment on the consent agenda adds a new work element for the Paving the Way program. The work element includes the redesign of the Paving the way program. Essentially money is being moved from 2020 to 2019. The Paving the Way program notifies the public of construction projects.

Karen Angelou and Thea Walsh are taking a ride on the Smart Circuit following the Commission meeting and invited interested persons to join them.

2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC
Transportation Systems & Funding Director and Aaron Schill, MORPC Regional Data & Mapping Director

In the interest of time, the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update was moved to the February meeting.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Mike Compton made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Matt Greeson; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik J. Janas, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Thea Walsh, Director
Transportation Systems and Funding

DATE: February 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-1-19: "Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Amend a Work Element"

Resolution T-1-19 amends the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program (PWP) to amend Work Element 67401-0000 for Ongoing COTA Activities. This work element is for the coordination of COTA and MORPC planning activities to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation or effective transit services in the COTA service area. The amendment adds a Product for COTA to conduct an On Board Survey (OBS) as required by FTA Title VI policy in partnership with MORPC.

In addition to Title VI data, the OBS provides the opportunity to collect additional travel behavior data relevant to MORPC's regional travel demand model, improving model results. The 2018 OBS is critical to the regional travel demand model because of COTA's recent Transit System Redesign, which occurred on May 1, 2017.

The Federal Transit Administration has requested that the OBS activity be specifically identified in the 2019 PWP including the \$375,000 of MORPC attributable Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. The OBS activity is ODOT PID 106546.

Attachment: Resolution T-1-19

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Rory McGuiness
Chair

Karen J. Angelou
Vice Chair

Erik J. Janas
Secretary

RESOLUTION T-1-19

"Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Amend a Work Element"

WHEREAS, following review by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 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, the current PWP includes Work Element 67401-0000 Ongoing COTA Activities for the coordination with COTA and MORPC planning activities to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation or effective transit services in the COTA service area, mainly in Franklin County and portions of adjacent counties; and

WHEREAS, and COTA is conducting an On-Board Survey (OBS) as required by FTA Title VI policy in partnership with MORPC;

WHEREAS, in addition to Title VI data, the OBS provides the opportunity to collect additional travel behavior data relevant to MORPC's regional travel demand model, improving model results. The 2018 OBS is critical to the regional travel demand model because of COTA's recent Transit System Redesign, which occurred on May 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the FTA has requested that the OBS activity be specifically identified in the 2019 PWP including the \$375,000 of MORPC attributable Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its February 4, 2019 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its February 6, 2019 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 amend the above work element 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 and the Federal Transit Administration 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.

Rory McGuiness, Chair
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Date

Ongoing COTA Activities

This work element is for coordination with COTA and reporting COTA planning activities to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in the COTA service area, mainly in Franklin County and in portions of adjacent counties.

Through other work elements MORPC assists COTA in the preparation of a long-range transit plan and helps channel federal money through the TIP process toward its implementation. MORPC incorporates the transit elements into the Regional Transportation Plan. MORPC also supports COTA through coordination with other local, state and federal agencies like ODOT, FTA, etc., in various efforts like National Transit Database reporting, safety planning, asset management, the UZA's coordinated human services plan, and the Bus on Freeway Shoulders project, etc.

MORPC facilitates user feedback through its public involvement process to ensure COTA's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title VI requirements. MORPC also coordinates with COTA in long-range planning efforts including regional fixed-guideway corridor analysis and Transportation Demand Management.

Product: Method	Agency/ies:	Schedule:
COTA's planning process: MORPC will work with COTA to demonstrate consistency of its operations and planning with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and federal regulations, and to assess COTA's capital and operating needs, including update of the SRTP as needed.	COTA, MORPC, FTA, ODOT	Ongoing
Continued refinement of COTA Long-Range Plan and other planning activities: Continued planning activities regarding COTA long-range plan, including NextGen, ITS activities, Bus on Freeway Shoulder, BRT planning, first-mile/last-mile study, SID Transit Pass (Downtown C-pass), etc.	COTA, MORPC	Ongoing
Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update: COTA is updating its SRTP by inventorying planned development projects and discussing existing and planned routes.	COTA	April 2019
Service change planning: COTA service change planning occurs months before regularly scheduled service changes (typically January and May of each year).	COTA	Ongoing
COTA safety and asset management plans: COTA development of performance measures and targets in relation to the National Public Transportation Safety Plan. COTA develops a Transit Access Management Plan (TAMP) which includes capital asset inventories, condition assessments, investment prioritization and reporting requirements. COTA coordinates with MORPC for reporting and other federal requirements.	COTA, MORPC, FTA	Ongoing
Transit On Board Survey: Using \$375,000 of MORPC STBG funds as well as COTA funds, conduct an on board survey as required by FTA Title VI policy in partnership with MORPC and to	COTA and MORPC	June 2019

collect additional travel behavior data relevant to MORPC's regional travel demand model, improving model results. The 2018 OBS is critical to the regional travel demand model because of COTA's recent Transit System Redesign, which occurred on May 1, 2017.		
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Related Activities:

Active Transportation Planning (see 60119-1000)

Transit and Human Services Planning (see 60159-3000)

Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning (see 61019-3000)

Ongoing DATABus Activities (see 67402-0000)

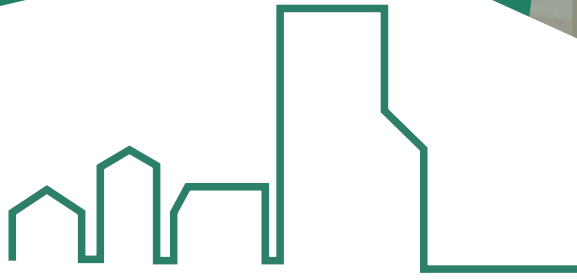
Budget

Total Work Element Budget: \$0

Spent Previous Year(s): \$0

Remaining Work Element Budget: \$0

These studies are provided only for informational purposes and have no final product or budget within the work program.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY PARTNERSHIP



Facilitated by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the Local Government Energy Partnership (LGEP) is a collaborative program offering our local government and associate members a variety of programs and services to advance energy saving opportunities. Together we are creating a sustainable region that:

- Reduces the costs of government
- Attracts businesses and encourages their growth
- Promotes responsible stewardship of our resources

By empowering local governments to be their community's trusted energy advocate, we are bringing together all stakeholders to catalyze a sustainable energy transformation in Central Ohio. The partnership serves as the nexus between our local governments and member organizations, the utilities serving these areas, residents and the businesses that call the mid-Ohio region home.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

ENERGY BENCHMARKING

MORPC partnered with JadeTrack to provide members with an online dashboard to benchmark building performance. This tool allows participants to collect, analyze, and visualize utility data to identify energy saving opportunities across all publicly-owned buildings and fleets.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Connecting participants with the knowledge they need to make their operations as efficient as possible, the partnership's Technical Support Program is designed to assist partners with their energy planning and analysis needs.

ENERGY ACADEMY

The Energy Academy develops our local governments into energy champions and experts in energy efficiency, renewable energy, financing, alternative-fuel vehicles, and infrastructure planning – ready to improve their own operations, as well as assist residents and businesses with participating in energy efficiency programs (coming in 2019).

ENERGY CONSORTIUM

Building upon the collective success of participating communities, the Energy Consortium provides an arena for the sharing of best practices and to further initiatives by taking advantage of economies of scale (coming in 2019).

RECOGNITION PROGRAM

This program will reward our partners with the recognition they deserve for their efforts to make our region more sustainable and welcoming (coming in 2019).

MORPC BENCHMARKING PROGRAM

MEMBER ENROLLMENT PROCESS

1. MORPC members and associates should contact MORPC if interested in the Benchmarking Program. Information will be provided about upcoming webinars, with the first being held in March, and available online afterwards.
2. Attend the orientation webinar to start enrollment in the MORPC Benchmarking Program.
The enrollment process includes:
 - Memorandum of understanding between the participating member, MORPC, and JadeTrack
 - Letter of authorization allowing JadeTrack to automate the collection of information
 - List of utility accounts to be included in the dashboard
 - Designated staff and contact information
3. If local council or board approval is required for participation, MORPC team members will be available to present as necessary, or a slideshow can be provided.
4. Receive training to develop your dashboard. MORPC anticipates creating five dashboards per month. If you have AEP and Columbia Gas, your utility data is automated. For all other utility providers, data needs to be entered manually.

MEMBER OUTREACH AND ANALYSIS

Through the first year of participation in the program, MORPC staff will meet with participants in order to review data, address any questions, and discuss potential opportunities. MORPC staff and JadeTrack's program manager are available monthly for site visits as necessary.

SHARING SUCCESS

All participants in the MORPC Benchmarking Program will have their aggregated information displayed on a regional dashboard available through MORPC's website. The regional dashboard will highlight the region's sustainability efforts in energy consumption, alternative fuels, and renewable energy. Every month, a community will be showcased on the dashboard with specific steps they are taking to move into a sustainable future.

Case studies will also be developed to highlight the energy savings and improvements that each community is experiencing. Each will be developed with permission of the participant community.

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Meeting Called to Order

Acting Chair Karen Angelou called the Commission Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Acting Chair Angelou recognized and thanked Derrick Clay for his service to the Commission. Mr. Clay's term ends this month.

Acting Chair Angelou congratulated Rory McGuiness on the birth of his daughter, Evelyn Didian McGuiness, born November 29.

Acting Chair Angelou shared her thoughts on an extraordinary year at MORPC with record attendances at the State of the Region and the Summit on Sustainability. She wanted to celebrate and thank those who made the year possible: Executive Director William Murdock; MORPC Officers Rory McGuinness and Erik Janas; the Executive Committee; MORPC Directors; all MORPC staff; Committee Chairs; Partners; Steve Tugend and the MORPC Commission Members.

Diversity in Local Government Working Group – Dawn Tyler Lee (City of Columbus), Diversity in Local Government Working Group Chair and William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Dawn Tyler Lee and William Murdock presented the [Recommendations from the Local Government Working Group](#). The purpose of the working group was to look at diversity and inclusion through the local government lens. Diversity and inclusion efforts are not new to MORPC. MORPC has an intentional plan and monitors its progress. This is an effort to improve on the progress. William Murdock introduced Dawn Tyler Lee who chaired the working group this past year.

Ms. Tyler Lee thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present the working group recommendations. The working group met six or seven times between June and October. They spent time learning about MORPC, looking at what other communities are doing, and met with diversity and inclusion consultants. Ms. Tyler Lee recognized Commission and working group members Ben Collins, Keena Smith and Carolyn Casper. She thanked the members of the working group; the MORPC Team of William Murdock, Bernice Cage, and Terri Flora; and the Executive Committee and full Commission. Keena Smith shared that it was a pleasure serving on the working group. She believes the recommendations are doable and is looking forward to implementation. Members of the working group are willing to help with implementation.

- **Proposed Resolution 30-18: “Endorsing the recommendations of the Diversity in Local Government Working Group” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director**
Erik Janas made a motion to approve Resolution 30-18, second by Derrick Clay; motion passed.

Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

William Murdock thanked Derrick Clay for his service. Mr. Murdock just signed a new four year contract and is excited to stay. Mr. Clay led the search committee that recommended Mr. Murdock.

Proposed Resolution 29-18 on the consent agenda provides flexibility in MORPC’s space upgrade planning. Timing can be sensitive.

The Director for Residential Services position was posted and will be open for the next two weeks.

Mr. Murdock announced that Public & Government Affairs Director Terri Flora is leaving MORPC in early January to become the Director of Communications for Worthington Industries.

MORPC is organizing a group to attend the Consumer Electronics Show and the Hyperloop Test Track in early January. Let Mr. Murdock know if you are interested in going.

On December 12, MORPC was re-certified as an MPO and received commendations from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

On December 12, MORPC's weatherization team for Columbia Gas hit the 500 completion mark (100 more than last year). That means 500 homes are warmer.

MORPC recently received two awards from the Capital Crossroads SID: Outstanding Service for the Downtown C-pass Launch Team (with COTA) and Outstanding Achievement for the Downtown C-pass Program.

Mr. Murdock announced that Brandi Whetstone has been promoted to a new position, Sustainability Officer, and will be the MORPC point person for sustainability. In the meantime, Ms. Whetstone is serving as Energy & Air Quality Interim Director.

MORPC is facilitating the Central Ohio Defense Group and is inviting other communities to be funding partners.

The [2019 MORPC Meeting Schedule](#) is now available. Let MORPC know if you want to receive Outlook calendar invitations.

Upcoming events include:

- January 22, 2019 – Options in Capital Asset Financing
- February 14, 2019 – Positive Workplace Cultures in Local Government

[2019 State of the Region Award Nominations](#) are now open. For nominations this year, MORPC is asking only for a name. MORPC will contact the person placing the nomination for more information.

Mr. Murdock reminded Commission members that the January Commission meeting has been moved to February to accommodate the holidays.

Proposed Resolution 31-18: “Accepting Knox County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Mike Compton made a motion to approve Resolution 31-18, second by Steve Stolte; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 28-18: “Acceptance of the Fiscal Budget and Fund Account Appropriations for the Operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2019” – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler presented the [2019 Budget](#). The 2019 Budget allows MORPC to continue to build on its priorities and maintain MORPC values. The fiscally conservative budget focuses on long-term stability, development and return on investment for members. Mr. Hufstedler recognized and thanked Susan Tsen and Betsy Hunkar, the MORPC leads on the budget. The 2019 Budget is included in the meeting packet. It begins with the Executive Summary. The actual budget is on page 4, followed by a detail of member dues, a schedule of appropriations and an appendix. The 2019 budget is a little over \$18 million compared to \$17.87 million for 2018.

In response to questions, Mr. Hufstedler shared that two IT positions were added this year. IT has been understaffed for quite a while. The difference in local transportation projects is due to the Rapid Speed Transit Initiative (RSTI). Last year the budget included the maximum possible amount needed. Some of the work has already been done and the monetary expectations are lower. There is still money set aside in the budget for RSTI.

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve Resolution 28-18, second by Jennifer Gallagher; motion passed.

Committees

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization – Steve Stolte (Union County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair

The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) met December 3 and adopted the Transportation Plan Executive Summary and a prioritized list of CORPO area transportation projects. CORPO will submit the Transportation Plan Executive Summary and list of project priorities to ODOT. Upon acceptance and designation by the Governor's office, CORPO will move from a Rural Planning Organization (RPO) to a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). CORPO will be the sixth RTPO in Ohio. CORPO will then begin developing a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for its member counties. Mr. Stolte thanked Thea Walsh, Mike Borger and the MORPC Staff for their work with CORPO.

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Tom Kneeland (City of Gahanna), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair

The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) met December 20 and developed subcommittees based on action items from the Regional Data Agenda and encouraged more municipal representation on the committee. In 2019 RDAC will focus on:

- Creating a Regional Data Users Group
- Developing a Data Policy Toolkit
- Creating a Central Ohio Sustainability Observatory
- Working with COSMOS to create a Municipal Fiber Network Map

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity, MORPC Sr. Government Affairs Coordinator

Joe Garrity gave the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). The 2019-2020 Public Policy Agenda Working Group was led by Ben Collins. The agenda was formed in coordination with the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. The Executive Committee affirmed the agenda on December 6. If approved, the agenda will be printed and ready for the February Hill visits.

- **Proposed Resolution 26-18: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2019-2020 Public Policy Agenda” – Joe Garrity, MORPC Sr. Government Affairs Coordinator**
Greg Lestini made a motion to approve Resolution 26-18, second by Ike Stage; motion passed.
- **Legislative Update – Joe Garrity, MORPC Sr. Government Affairs Coordinator and Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter**
Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity gave the legislative update and highlighted the following issues:

- Letters sent to the Central Ohio Congressional Delegation regarding Census Funding and Regional Priorities
- New rules issued for Waters of the United States (WOTUS)
- Lame duck session
- SB 296 – Pay raise for elected officials
- HB 500 – Township law
- SB 51 – Economic Development
- Governor-elect transition
- Federal appropriations bills

See the [December 2018 Legislative Update](#) for other legislative news.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Jim Schimmer, (Franklin County) Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

Jim Schimmer presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). The December 12 Sustainable2050 meeting included community sustainability updates from recently certified members and information on an Ohio EPA recognition program called Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) that recognizes exceptional achievement in environmental stewardship. The next group of certified Sustainable2050 members will be confirmed at the December 19 Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting and recognized at the February Commission meeting.

Recently WOSU TV highlighted the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) in their program: *Columbus Neighborhood's: Getting Outdoors*. Director of Columbus Recreation and Parks and COG Board Chair Tony Collins and MORPC's Director of Planning & Environment Kerstin Carr were featured. The COG Board met in November and Letty Schamp, City of Hilliard Deputy City Engineer, has accepted a two-year appointment as COG Chair beginning in 2019. She will also serve as the representative on the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

MORPC's Green Team received a SWACO mini grant for community waste reduction. Through this program MORPC Team Members have the opportunity to compost their food waste from home and in the work place.

• **End of Ozone Season Report – Brandi White, MORPC Energy & Air Quality Interim Director**

Brandi Whetstone presented the [Air Quality End of Season Report](#). The report is issued each year to provide an overview of the air quality for the past year and identify trends over the past several years. Ozone pollution is monitored March through October. Fine particle pollution is monitored year round.

Levels for fine particle pollution continue to fall. MORPC has not issued an air quality alert for particle pollution since winter 2014. Central Ohio continues the overall trend of improvement for ozone during 2018. Preliminary information from the Ohio EPA indicates that Central Ohio is now meeting the current federal ozone standard. Based on data from the past three years, Ohio EPA will request redesignation of the region from non-attainment to attainment status.

The air quality report will be issued the week of December 17 and will be available at www.morpc.org/airquality.

- **Proposed Resolution 35-18: “Authorizing the executive director to execute an agreement with the City of Columbus for up to \$200,000 if selected for the development of the Sustainable Columbus Climate Action Plan beginning in 2019” – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC Energy & Air Quality Interim Director**
Mike Compton made a motion to approve Resolution 35-18, second by Steve Stolte; motion passed. The following abstained: Trudy Bartley, Steve Campbell, Sophia Fifner, Jennifer Gallagher, Michael Schadek, Elissa Schneider and Mike Stevens.

Smart Region Task Force – Dana McDaniel (City of Dublin), Smart Region Task Chair

The Smart Region Task Force met earlier in the week and approved the Smart Streets Policy. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that projects using MORPC Attributable Funds appropriately incorporate digitization in the infrastructure. The policy will be presented for approval in March. The Task Force is working on a Smart Region Playbook. Mr. McDaniel thanked the Task Force Members and others who provided input. He also thanked Task Force Vice Chair Joe Stefanov and MORPC Staff.

Transportation Policy Committee – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Acting Chair

Acting Chair Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:59 p.m. The session adjourned at 3:05 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Bonnie Michael made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Kent Shafer; motion passed.

The Commission Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Erik J. Janas, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission