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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, March 7, 2019
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome – Karen Angelou, Chair**
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of **February 7, 2019 minutes**
3. **Executive Director's Report – William Murdock**
4. **Committee Updates**
 - **Nominating Committee** – Erik Janas, Chair
 - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joe Garrity
 - **Smart Region Task Force** – Aaron Schill & Thea Walsh
 - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Thea Walsh
5. **Proposed Resolution 02-19: "Accepting Logan County as member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)" – William Murdock**
6. **Proposed Resolution 03-19: "Supporting House Bill 62: State Transportation Budget" – Joe Garrity**
7. **Draft Commission Agenda**
8. **Executive Session – ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1)**

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9. Other Business

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**The next Executive Committee Meeting is
Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7, 2019

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Scioto Conference Room

Members Present

Chris Amorose Groomes
Karen Angelou
Franklin Christman
Erik Janas

Greg Lestini
Kim Maggard
Rory McGuiness
Gary Merrell

Eric Phillips
Joe Stefanov

MORPC Staff Present

Bernice Cage
Kerstin Carr
Joe Garrity
Shawn Hufstедler
Nathaniel Kaelin

Ciel Klein
Eileen Leuby
William Murdock
Shari Saunders
Aaron Schill

Susan Tsen
Thea Walsh
Brandi Whetstone
Robert Williams

Welcome – Karen Angelou

Chair Karen Angelou called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Chair Angelou introduced and welcomed new MORPC Residential Services Director Robert Williams. Mr. Williams has a background in housing and community development. For the past ten years he led Nationwide Children's Hospital's Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods, Healthy Families initiative. Prior to that he worked at Homeport and also has experience in retail banking and affordable housing lending. Mr. Williams is excited to be here and looks forward to adding value to the organization.

Consent Agenda

Eric Phillips made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Kim Maggard; motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock

William Murdock reported that he is serving on the DriveOhio Board. MORPC Members Eric Phillips, Mike Stevens and Joanna Pinkerton also serve on the board.

Aaron Schill shared that Franklin County and the City of Columbus are launching their joint 2020 Census Complete Count Committee in early March. Mr. Schill is chair of the Local Government Subcommittee. The subcommittee is responsible for bringing in local governments throughout Franklin County to engage and plan for reaching hard-to-reach populations. Since there are no other complete count committees in Central Ohio, they will bring out their work to the other Central Ohio counties and communities. Outreach starts in the spring and activities ramp up in the summer.

The City of Columbus asked MORPC to help facilitate a housing plan looking at workforce housing from the insight2050 perspective and to seek other communities to join the effort. Kerstin Carr is the MORPC lead.

A MORPC contingent attended the Consumer Electronic Show and toured the Hyperloop test track in January. The trip reinforced the value of going to see what is coming and what local governments will need to navigate.

The new MORPC brand is being rolled out and integrated as we move along.

MORPC's Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) member Tom Pendrey climbed Mt. Everest in May. He used the trip to raise funds for a local hospital and other local organizations in Nepal. MORPC staff and SAC members pulled together enough funds to donate to the cause. Mr. Pendrey flew a MORPC flag on Mt. Everest.

The updated MORPC department names are:

- Communications & Engagement (formerly Public & Government Affairs)
- Data & Mapping (formerly Regional Data & Mapping)
- Planning & Sustainability (formerly Planning & Environment)
- Residential Services (formerly Energy & Air Quality)
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development (formerly Transportation Systems & Funding)

Mr. Murdock shared recent staff changes. In addition to new Residential Services Director Robert Williams, Joe Garrity has been promoted to Government Affairs Director and Nathaniel Kaelin has been promoted to Economic Development & Infrastructure Officer. Mr. Garrity is excited to be in the new opportunity to advocate for our membership and programs. Mr. Kaelin is the lead point person for economic development support.

The goal of the economic development and infrastructure area is to assist MORPC members in advancing infrastructure and job creation projects. Possible avenues include:

- Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)
- Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs)
- Economic Development District (EDD)
- Formalizing economic development relationships

A number of CORPO communities are joining MORPC. Knox County joined MORPC last December. Morrow County is joining this month. Madison and Fairfield Counties joined at the CORPO only level.

Registration is now open for the 2019 State of the Region and Anthony Foxx is confirmed as the keynote speaker. Mr. Foxx is the Chief Policy Officer for Lyft, the former U.S. Transportation Director, and former mayor of Charlotte, NC.

The Spring insight2050 Academy begins March 1 and is tailored around the Technical Assistance Program rollout. Registration is open for the academy that will meet each Friday morning in March, 9-11:30 a.m.

MORPC received a SWACO grant providing free composting for MORPC employees. Most employees signed-up to participate in the program.

For the 30th consecutive year, MORPC received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our 2017

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). MORPC also received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for the 2017 CAFR.

Nominating Committee Update – Rory McGuiness

Rory McGuiness reported that the MORPC Chair is tasked with pulling together the Nominating Committee. Mr. McGuiness appointed Erik Janas chair of the Nominating Committee and will name the rest of the committee at the Commission meeting.

Regional Policy Roundtable Update – Joe Garrity

A group of MORPC Officers and Team Members are attending the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) National Conference of Regions in Washington, DC next week. The trip includes visits to Central Ohio congressional delegates. The newly printed Public Policy Agenda will be shared with the delegates.

William Murdock, Thea Walsh, and Joe Garrity were in Washington, DC in January with Hyperloop executives to visit with congressional delegates to help find a regulatory home for Hyperloop.

Mr. Murdock provided testimony on behalf of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Transportation and Infrastructure. MORPC provided written testimony. The committee announced it is supportive of raising the gas tax.

Speaker of the House Larry Householder agreed to create a subcommittee on energy generation in Ohio. Regional delegates on House leadership caucus teams include Laura Lanese on the majority side and Kristin Boggs on the minority side.

Rep. Troy Balderson serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Rep. Balderson's staff reached out to meet with MORPC two weeks ago.

Sustainability Advisory Committee Update – Kerstin Carr

The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) welcomed five new 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, Director, Franklin SWCD

Four Sustainable2050 members will be recognized at the February Commission meeting for their Tier Certifications: Blendon Township, Cities of Grove City and Whitehall, and Metro Parks.

Planning & Sustainability is working with the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA), OSU, and the Data & Mapping Team to create a Sustainability Dashboard to track Regional Sustainability Metrics.

Regional Data Advisory Committee Update – Aaron Schill

The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) will welcome three new members at the March meeting:

- Doug McCollough, Chief Information Officer, City of Dublin
- Gene Oliver, IT Director, City of Worthington

- Charlie Burks, Director of Data Analytics & Insights, Columbus Metropolitan Library

Smart Region Task Force – Aaron Schill & Thea Walsh

Aaron Schill and Thea Walsh shared the [Draft Smart Streets Policy](#). The Task Force developed the policy over nine months. The policy will be applied to the attributable funds process. The RDAC and Transportation Advisory Committee are reviewing the policy which will be out for comments through most of February. Given the significance and innovation with this proposed policy, staff wanted to make the Executive Committee aware earlier than normal in the process. Additional feedback is expected to ensure a well-vetted proposal. Depending on feedback, the plan is to bring the policy to the Commission for adoption or at least an update on the review process in March.

Joe Stefanov commended the MORPC Team for the great job they have done in bringing the Task Force together and developing a definition for smart region. Aaron Schill recognized Nate Vogt for his staff support.

The policy requires that communities consider digital infrastructure. Central Ohio is the first region to adopt something like this. Mr. Schill and Ms. Walsh are asking for feedback on the policy and checklist.

Transportation Policy Committee Update – Thea Walsh

Approximately \$250 million MORPC attributable funds will be dispersed throughout the region during 2019-2025. ODOT announced funding cuts for the same time period. A caucus was held to discuss when communities can get money for their projects. The caucus resolved many issues. A couple projects will probably take loans. Approximately \$3 million is over-programmed for 2021. ODOT District 6 is comfortable with this number. MORPC is known as an MPO that is usually over-programmed and ODOT considers that to be a good thing. The Attributable Funds Committee approved a list of projects to move forward to the Transportation Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Committee in March for their approval.

Proposed Resolution 01-19: “Accepting Morrow County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock

Gary Merrell made a motion to approve Resolution 01-19, second by Eric Phillips; motion passed.

Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby

Eileen Leuby gave the [Membership Services Quarterly Report](#) highlighting:

- Membership totals
- Completed events
- Upcoming events
- Central Region MORPC Workshops
- Ohio Construction Conference – William Murdock keynote speaker

Eric Phillips applauded Ms. Leuby for all her efforts.

Quarterly Financial Statements – Shawn Hufstedler

Shawn Hufstedler reviewed the [December 2018 Financial Report](#) and highlighted:

- Favorable overhead and fringe rates

- Operating loss of \$396,788 – the loss was expected and due primarily to expenses related to prior year revenues and unrecovered weatherization costs. However, the unrecovered weatherization costs are an improvement over previous years and are trending well.
- Member dues underspent by \$51,000
- Accounts payable and accounts receivable were both reduced compared to 2017
- Expenses were within appropriations
- The Cash position of \$658,056 is about half of the target of the Operating Reserve Policy – we are waiting for a large outstanding receivable. As the budget increases, it is intentionally harder to reach the target. Staff has increased their monitoring of the cash flow and do not anticipate tapping into the Operating Reserve in the near future. The reserve is built up through members' dues and making money through the weatherization program and events.

Draft Commission Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft February 14, 2019 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Executive Session

Greg Lestini made a motion for the Executive Committee to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Section 121.22 (G) (1): To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest; second by Joe Stefanov. A roll call vote was conducted with all attending committee members in favor. Executive Session began at 2:44 p.m. and concluded at 3:04 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Erik J. Janas, Secretary
Executive Committee



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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: March 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 02-19: **“Accepting Logan County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On January 17, 2019, the Logan County Commissioners approved a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). The attached resolution accepts Logan 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 Logan County will be assessed at a pro-rated rate of \$10,450 (for 10 months of 12 months at \$1,045).

Attachment: Resolution 02-19

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RESOLUTION 02-19

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

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

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2019, the Logan 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 Logan County is accepted as a member of MORPC effective March 14, 2019.
- Section 2. That the Articles of Agreement provide that two (2) members of the Logan 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 \$10,450 will be pro-rated as of the date of membership (March 14, 2019) and assessed to Logan County for 2019.
- Section 4. That Logan 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 McGuinness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date:	March 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:	March 14, 2019



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: Joe Garrity, Director of Government Affairs

DATE: March 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 03-19: **“Supporting House Bill 62: State Transportation Budget”**

One of MORPC's chief public policy goals is to achieve an advanced, inclusive, and exceptional transportation system that connects Central Ohio's people and products to the world. In working to achieve this goal, we collaborate with districts of ODOT to implement transportation projects throughout our region. We know first-hand of the unmet need for transportation funding requests. For example, MORPC currently has about \$25.8 million in federal funding available during our current round, but \$180 million in requests around Central Ohio that cannot be funded. It also has \$29 million in public-works dollars for Franklin County to address \$50 million in requests. This gap in funded projects represent a range of deferred maintenance, needed expansion, and upgrades critical to economic development and safety.

The preliminary budget plan for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 is troubling. The vast majority of revenues are allocated for maintenance rather than increasing capacity. This is demonstrated by the decreasing size of the ODOT capital program from a high of approximately \$2.4 billion in fiscal year 2014 to approximately \$1.7 billion in fiscal year 2020. In order to meet its requirement to present a balanced budget, ODOT is expected to make an across the board ten percent cut to discretionary funds. The anticipated reductions will eliminate funding for new projects aimed to adding capacity and relieving congestion on Ohio roads, as well as delay needed maintenance and upgrades to existing bridges and roadways.

A cutback in transportation investment will have a negative ripple effect throughout the state and Central Ohio is no different. Reduced funding will also worsen economic costs of congestion. For Central Ohio, MORPC estimates congestion to cost over \$921 million annually due to travel delay and excess fuel consumption as well as health impacts from reduced air quality. Poor road conditions from deferred maintenance cost each driver an estimated \$533 annually.

We have a transportation funding crisis on our hands and we must act now. In order to address this issue, MORPC supports Governor DeWine's increase to the motor fuel users' fee. With the advent of alternative fuel vehicles the motor fuel users' fee may not be as representative or as fair a fee as in

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the past. However, until new mechanisms are developed nationally the fee is the most convenient collection mechanism since it has been in place since 1925.

In a major collaborative effort last year, a group of MORPC community leaders and elected officials – rural, urban, and suburban representing each level of local government - met to create a working document of state policy recommendations that address current transportation maintenance needs and also plans for future mobility needs. MORPC staff will continue to advocate for these diverse recommendations to be adopted.

We commend Governor DeWine and ODOT Director Marchbanks for their leadership in crafting a budget that addresses the state's urgent need for sustainable transportation funds. We strongly advocate for solutions to help all of Ohio's rural, suburban, and urban communities and each region's unique needs. This is a period of rapidly changing transportation technology, but we can't get to the future of transportation if we can't fund the basics for our roads and bridges.

Attachment: Resolution 03-19



RESOLUTION 03-19

“Supporting House Bill 62: State Transportation Budget”

WHEREAS, House Bill 62 increases the motor fuel user fee and indexes it to inflation to help maintain our local roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution requires that 40 percent of revenue from the motor fuel user fee is dedicated to the construction and maintaining of local roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, MORPC supports an offered amendment expanding the permissive vehicle license fee cap for municipalities and townships to assist basic maintenance needs; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is committed to collaborating with Governor DeWine's administration, the General Assembly, and regional partners in maintaining and improving mobility options for residents; and

WHEREAS, HB 62 is consistent with MORPC's 2019-2020 Public Policy Agenda in achieving an advanced, inclusive, and exceptional transportation system that connects Central Ohio's people and products to the world; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That MORPC supports HB 62.
- Section 2. That MORPC will work with its local government members and partners to educate state legislators on the important benefits of passing HB 62 to address the state's unmet transportation needs.
- Section 3. 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 4. 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.

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