NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, April 11, 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
   - Recognition of Guests and New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Coordinator
   - Nominating Committee Report – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Secretary
   - Election of Officers and Executive Committee – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair

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

4. Proposed Resolution 07-19: “Authorizing the executive director to accept up to $250,000 in local, private, and other funding and contract to conduct a regional housing strategy” – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Sustainability Director

2:00 p.m.

Committees

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

6. Regional Policy Roundtable – Kim Maggard (City of Whitehall), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
a. **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Hill Brown + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs

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

2:30 p.m. 8. **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
      - Planning & Sustainability – Kerstin Carr, Director
      - Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, Director

   c. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**

      1) Approval of *March 14, 2019 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes*

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

      - Project Evaluation Criteria
      - Population & Employment Update

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

9. **Commission Consent Agenda**

   a. Approval of *March 14, 2019 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

    PLEASE NOTIFY SHARI SAUNDERS AT 614-233-4169 OR ssaunders@morpc.org IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.

    The next Commission Meeting is
    *Thursday, May 9, 2019, 1:30 p.m.*
    111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
    Columbus, Ohio 43215
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Memorandum

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

FROM: Erik Janas, Committee Chair

DATE: March 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Nomination of Executive Committee Members

Background:
In accordance with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Articles of Agreement, the Commission will be notified at least five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting as to the nominees for MORPC’s Officers and Executive Committee members.

The Nominating Committee excerpt from the Articles is as follows:
"At least twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting, the chair shall appoint the Nominating Committee. Said Nominating Committee having been duly appointed and confirmed shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting of the COMMISSION, report the names of the candidates so nominated to the secretary. The secretary shall advise each member of the COMMISSION, in writing, at least five (5) days prior to the annual meeting as to the nominees so selected. At the annual meeting, the chair of the Nominating Committee shall report the names so nominated. After this report is presented, nominations from the floor shall be invited. Such nominations must be seconded. The secretary then shall prepare ballots properly identifying the nominees, said ballots shall be distributed and tallied during the annual meeting by a temporary committee appointed for that purpose."

The Nominating Committee Members:
At the February 14, 2019, Commission meeting, Commission Chair Rory McGuiness appointed five members of the Nominating Committee. The following members were affirmed by a vote of the Commission:

- Erik Janas, Committee Chair, Franklin County
- Gary Merrell, Delaware County
- Mike Schadek, City of Columbus
- Bonnie Michaels, City of Worthington
- Holly Mattei, Violet Township
Review of Current Members of Executive Committee:
Several Executive Committee positions do not have expiring terms this year and therefore require no action by the Nominating Committee. For information, these are listed below:

1) **Immediate Past Chair:** Matt Greeson (2009), Chair, City Manager, City of Worthington

2) **Members in second year of two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2020):**
   a) Karen Angelou (2014), Council Member, City of Gahanna
   b) Nancy White (2017), Administrator, Mifflin Township
   c) Greg Lestini (2018), Brickler & Eckler Attorney, Franklin County representative
   d) Franklin Christman (2018), Administrator, Village of Ashville
   e) Chris Amorose Groomes (2018), City Council, City of Dublin

Nominating Committee Recommendations:
The Nominating Committee convened on March 6, 2019 and made the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions, which will be reported out at the March 14, 2019 Commission meeting and considered at the April 11, 2019 Commission meeting:

The nominees for Officers for renewed one-year Officer Terms (expires 2020)
- **Chair:** Rory McGuiness, Deputy Director of Development, City of Columbus
- **Vice-Chair:** Karen Angelou, Council Member, City of Gahanna
- **Secretary:** Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County

The nominees for Executive Committee are:

1) **For renewal of one year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2020)**
   a) Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee & City Manager, City of New Albany
   b) Eric Phillips (2007), Chair of Benefits & Compensation Committee, Executive Director/Chamber CEO, Union & County/Marysville Economic Development Partnership
   c) Rory McGuiness (2012), Chair of Commission, Deputy Director of Administration, City of Columbus

2) **For renewal of two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2021)**
   a) Kim Maggard (2015), Mayor, City of Whitehall
   b) Jennifer Gallagher (2017), Director, Department of Public Service, City of Columbus
   c) Erik Janas (2017), Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County

3) **For a new two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2021)**
   a) Jeff Benton (2019), Commissioner, Delaware County

Note: The year after each name refers to the first year of the member’s current service on the Executive Committee. For example, Joe Smith (2011) means that Joe Smith’s first term began in 2011 and he has served continuously since then.
Government Affairs
Joe Garrity, Government Affairs Director  jgarrity@morpc.org

State Transportation Budget
MORPC testified to the Ohio Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee on March 19 regarding the State Transportation Budget. MORPC supported the following:
- An increase of the motor fuel user fee and indexing it to inflation.
- Expanding the permissive license plate fees cap $5 for municipalities and townships.
- Increased funding for transit and reasonable fees on electric vehicles (EV) and hybrids that would not stifle the adoption of EVs.

On March 27 MORPC submitted a letter of interest to members of the conference committee on the state transportation budget and the Central Ohio delegation reiterating the importance of additional funding for our transportation system.

Communications & Engagement
Bernice Cage, Interim Director  bcage@morpc.org

Team Members provided a brief overview on Air Quality Alerts, Gohio Commute, the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the upcoming 2020 Census to seven Area Commissions:
- Far East Area Commission
- Clintonville Area Commission
- Franklinton Area Commission
- Near East Area Commission
- Livingston Area Commission
- Southwest Area Commission
- West Scioto Area Commission

The December issue of the 2020-2050 MTP one pager was distributed along with contact information for Air Quality and Gohio Commute.

Diversity & Inclusion
The Columbus Women’s Commission is scheduled to present information on its mission, values and provide updates on their top initiatives to the MORPC Commission on May 9, 2019.

Upcoming Events
2019 State of the Region - April 18
- Registration reached an all-time high with over 1,000 confirmed to attend the event.
- Media is invited to attend a Q & A with guest speaker Anthony Foxx between 10–10:30 am on the day of the event. The following media outlets are requesting one on one interviews with Mr. Foxx:
  o Columbus Underground
  o Columbus Dispatch
- Sponsorships exceeded our goal with $47,500.
COSI’s Big Science Celebration - May 4
MORPC is participating in the COSI Science Festival, “The Big Science Celebration”. The event is free to the public and COSI is preparing for 20,000+ people to attend. For more information on the event please visit www.cosiscifest.org

See attachment for more MORPC Membership News

Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Thea Walsh - twalsh@morpc.org

Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Team Members continue to develop project evaluation criteria to release a final draft for public comment. The public comment period is April 1-24, 2019. The proposed criteria will come before committees for adoption in May.

The interactive web map will collect project suggestions from the public throughout the summer. Project suggestions will be evaluated using the adopted criteria for potential inclusion in the MTP.

Internal reviews continue on the 2050 population and employment forecast. Team Members are working to share the forecast with community stakeholders and the public.

5310 Designated Recipient
The projects receiving FTA section 5310 funding this round were included in Resolution T-3-19 amending the SFY 2018-2021 TIP. This information was submitted to ODOT who forwarded the amendment to FTA for approval.

Team Members presented and took part in innovative and technical transportation concepts at COTA’s Mobility Advisory Committee.

Gohio
Origo Branding Company received the American Advertising Federation ADDY Award for their Gohio Commute Digital Campaign. In Central Ohio, this is the biggest award ceremony for the advertising industry.

Team Members refreshed the Gohio vanpool program brochure and are in the process of creating a new video to provide more awareness about vanpooling options in Central Ohio. Team Members worked with our Enterprise van provider to make a van ADA compliant so a long-time vanpool rider could continue to participate in the program.

MORPC continues to consult with companies about providing sustainable commute programs for their employees. Team Members are working with Ohio Health Riverside to launch a robust commute program to their employees on April 1, 2019.

MORPC continues efforts to develop a Mobility Campaign Coalition. The group is currently focused on developing a new Bike to Work Month outreach strategy and planning for the 2019 Commuter Challenge.
Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)
The draft route screening matrix for the Environmental Impact Study (EIS Study) continues to be developed. Individual work sessions for input on route alternatives and train stations from the corridor partners are being scheduled by MORPC.

A preliminary Hyperloop alignment was determined based on a corridor that is conducive of facilitating optimal Hyperloop average speeds. Individual work sessions to receive input on this route and alignments within local regions are being scheduled with corridor partners to discuss local impacts and potential portal (i.e. station) locations.

US DOT has announced a Non-traditional and Emerging Transportation Technology Council to explore regulation and permitting of Hyperloop and other technologies. Soon after this announcement was made, MORPC was invited to Washington DC to present with Virgin Hyperloop One about the progress made on Hyperloop projects around the country to U.S. congress member staffers.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
A CORPO newsletter was developed, sent to CORPO members and posted to the CORPO site at the end of March.

MORPC Attributable Funding
The program of projects recommended by the Attributable Funding Committee (AFC) was approved by the CAC, TAC, and Policy Committee. Team Members will now work with sponsors to complete partnering agreements and advance funded projects. The AFC meets in May to start considering policies changes for the next cycle of funding.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for OPWC District 3, comprising Franklin County, meets April 5 for a working session to review the policies and criteria for Round 34 of the State Capital Improvements Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program.

Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
Final applications for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund were due March 15. Six agencies submitted seven Clean Ohio Conservation applications requesting $4.19 million. Approximately $4.17 million is available for the current round.

INFRA
Three regional applications were submitted March 4 for the FY2019 cycle of Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) funding. Award notifications are expected in late summer/early fall.

Data & Mapping
Aaron Schill, Director – aschill@morpc.org

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)
RDAC welcomed three new members at the March 19 meeting: Charlie Burks, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Doug McCollough, City of Dublin, and Gene Oliver, City of Worthington. The Committee had in-depth discussions of the Complete Count Committee’s 2020 Census efforts and MORPC’s population projection methodology. Members are in the process of choosing their working groups – selection should be complete by the end of April. The next meeting is June 19.
Data & Mapping Support to MORPC Members, Programs, and Projects

The Smart Region Task Force met March 12 to discuss progress on their deliverables: the Smart Streets Policy, the Smart Region Playbook, and the Smart Region Resource Guide. They meet again on May 14.

Team Members and JMT Technology Group are continuing their work on the Paving the Way System Redesign. The Paving the Way Annual Meeting is April 9.

Data & Mapping Team Members are constructing the Central Ohio Fiber Network Web Map.

2020 Census

MORPC is working on the following Census items:
- Chairing the Government Subcommittee of the Columbus / Franklin County Complete Count Committee.
- Collaborating on the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) with the LUC Regional Planning Commission.
- Providing support and assistance to the Ohio Census Advocacy Coalition for census mapping.

Planning & Sustainability

Kerstin Carr, Director - kcarr@morpc.org

Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG)

As a follow-up to the first ATWG meeting held at the end of February, Team Members hosted the ATWG for the most recent Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) webinar, which are offered the third Wednesday of each month at MORPC’s office. The next ATWG meeting is April 26.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts

May 2019 bike/ped counts are May 15 (Bike to Work Day). To prepare, Team Members are continuing their review of current methodology to make the process more efficient and useful for members. Team Members continued discussions about other technology and data collection options with peer Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and are exploring potential funding opportunities for improving regional multimodal data collection capabilities.

insight2050 Corridor Concepts

The findings will be shared at a lunchtime event April 30 at the Boat House at Confluence Park. Lead consultants Joe DiStefano and Peter Calthorpe of Urban Footprint (formerly Calthorpe Analytics) will present the findings, followed by a panel discussion including Joanna Pinkerton of COTA, Mark Wagenbrenner of Wagenbrenner Development, and Trudy Bartley of the Ohio State University. Registration is online at www.columbus.uli.org under events.

The pilot round of the Technical Assistance (TA) Program formally concluded this month. MORPC submitted completed deliverables to the communities of Delaware, Violet Township, Westerville, and Worthington. Team Members are meeting with several partners, including COTA, Franklin County Public Health, City of Columbus Public Health, and Ohio State’s Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) to align the TA Program with stakeholder/partner needs, maximize resources, and to increase the TA Program’s regional visibility. The TA Program Guidelines are expected to be submitted for approval at the June MORPC Commission meeting.

The Spring 2019 Academy had 26 registrants, robust class agendas and informed speakers. The Academy agenda provided information related to project types included in the upcoming
MORPC Technical Assistance Program. Highlights of the program included a walk audit and on-site review of Upper Arlington’s complete streets.

Transportation Safety
Team Members are drafting the Regional Safety Plan for the Regional Transportation Safety Plan Working Group (Working Group). The accompanying Action Plan was finalized this month and will be shared at the April Working Group meeting.

Data Analysis/Reporting
Team Members are analyzing and developing a regional High Injury Network map. This network will guide MORPC’s prioritization of regional locations to target with low-cost systemic safety improvements.

Sustainable2050
Team Members met with Grove City to assist with planning for a newly formed Environmental Sustainability Committee. The Q1 Sustainable2050 meeting was March 27 and featured a presentation on the Ohio EPA Encouraging Environmental Excellence Program, as well as a peer exchange led by representatives from Blendon Township, Gahanna, Grove City, and Metro Parks.

Central Ohio Greenways Board
The Central Ohio Greenways Board met March 27 and received updates from the working groups, learned from OSU students about their neighborhood trail project, and heard the findings from the Planning Study by Mollard Consulting. MORPC is moving forward with developing a methodology that will help prioritize the proposed regional trail network. Team Members are also working with Rails to Trails Conservancy on a May 8 event at Wilson Bridge Park, to reveal the Great American Trail – a national trail that will stretch from Washington DC to Seattle, Washington.

Central Ohio Water Resources Working Group
The Water Resources Working Group received state and federal policy level updates, an update on the happenings in the Central Ohio Watershed Council, a presentation on the relationship between air and water quality issues in Central Ohio, a presentation from Franklin County Water Conservation District on their Community Backyards Program, and a MORPC update on the Rickenbacker Area Study. The group meets again in May. Team Members provided a MORPC water program summary to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director Laurie Stevenson and Assistant Director Laura Factor at the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Water Subcommittee.

Central Ohio Water Resources Planning
The initial stakeholder meeting for Franklin County is April 11. Drafts for Sub-region 1 (Union/Delaware Counties) and Sub-region 2 (Fairfield/Licking Counties) are expected to be finalized by May.

Local Government Energy Partnership
The Benchmarking Program is moving forward with an “Orientation to Enrollment” webinar on April 3. Five communities have expressed an interest in the program, bringing total enrollment to 16 members (27% of allowed participants). The Regional Dashboard is expected to be available to the public in April.

Team Members continue to develop additional programs under the Partnership including the Technical Support Program, Energy Academy, Energy Consortium, and Recognition Program. These programs are expected to be released throughout 2019 and into 2020. The next
component of the program will be a no/low-cost energy audit program. Currently in draft form, it is expected to be released in early summer.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee**
The next meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee is April 17 at the Ohio EPA’s Sustainability Conference. The agenda includes adoption of Sustainable2050 tier status certifications, new member spotlight, and discussion of new projects on the horizon.

**Residential Services**
Robert Williams – rwilliams@morpc.org

**WarmChoice**
Production is moving appropriately and will again reach our internal goal for the month.

**Marketing & Outreach/Intake**
o The Intake Team is working to maintain a presence at local events.
o Implementing a calendar of local and special events for marketing opportunities.
o Community Development for All People and MORPC will be present weekly during free store hours.

**HWAP (Home Weatherization Assistance Program)**
Production is on track to finish at or above YTD goals.

**Electric Partnership Program (EPP)**
Team Members are working to get leads for new audits. During the Program Monitor’s recent visit, Team Members discussed how 10 out of 14 agencies are far behind in their production. The new goal will be to get 80% of the allocation spent to protect the current funding level in next year’s budget.

**Home Repair Programs**
**Franklin County Urgent Need (FCUN) 2017 program** – 34 projects were identified; 25 projects are complete, all others in production.
**FCUN 2018** – 21 projects are identified and are in inspection & production process.

**Operations**
Shawn Hufstedler – shufstedler@morpc.org

**Personnel Updates**
The following new Team Members began in March or early April:
- Residential Services Electric Baseload Auditor Cedric Hollingsworth began March 11
- Director of Communications & Engagement Niel Jurist began March 25
- IT Services Specialist Alex Jokerst began April 1

MORPC is currently interviewing or in the process of extending offers of employment for the following positions:
- Residential Services Energy Auditor
- Data Analyst (Data & Mapping Department)
- Senior GIS Specialist (Data & Mapping Department)
- Energy Planning & Air Quality Intern (Planning & Sustainability Department)

The requirements for the posted positions are available for review on the website at [http://www.morpc.org/careers/](http://www.morpc.org/careers/).
RFP/RFQ Postings
The following RFP’s/RFQ’s were posted:

- RFP for 2019 Gohio Commute Advertising Campaign – closed March 29
- 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/](http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqs/).
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MORPC in the News
During the month of March, MORPC was mentioned approximately 30 times in print media.

- The gas tax increase was the most frequent mention and the Hyperloop route through Pennsylvania was the second most mentioned.
- The press releases on the start of Ozone Season, awarding Section 5310 program funds, Competitive Advantage Projects, the new Ohio Turnpike Director, MORPC’s new Director of Communications & Engagement, and Logan County joining MORPC generated additional stories.
- Social media was active with approximately 182 tweets mentioning MORPC. The tweets touched on air quality, Hyperloop, 33 Corridor, Gohio, State Transportation Budget, Transportation Innovation Districts, Ohio Construction Conference, Sustainable 2050, Logan County joining MORPC, WTS award, trails, trains, Smart Cities and congratulations to new Communications & Engagement Director.

Save the Date

Riverfest - June 8-9, 2019
MORPC is partnering with the Columbus Arts Festival to host Riverfest to help get 1,000 people on the river. Join us on the Scioto River for free boating and educational activities. Visit www.morpc.org/riverfest for more details.

People for Bikes - July 18, 2019
MORPC is partnering with People for Bikes to host a workshop.

Summit on Sustainability - September 30, 2019
MORPC is hosting the Summit on Sustainability at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

America Walks - October 1, 2019
MORPC is partnering with America Walks to host the Walking Summit in Columbus at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.
Memorandum

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

FROM: Kerstin Carr, Director
Planning & Sustainability Department

DATE: April 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 07-19: “Authorizing the executive director to accept up to $250,000 in local, private, and other funding and contract to conduct a regional housing strategy”

The insight2050 study revealed that Central Ohio could become a region of 3 million residents by 2050. Not only is the region growing; it is changing. As we grow, we are experiencing a significant increase in the population of adults 65 and older. Furthermore, our poverty levels continue to rise and Franklin County alone is now experiencing a nearly 17% poverty rate. These vulnerable population groups are struggling to find safe and decent housing in neighborhoods of choice. Over the years, several studies conducted by various entities have arrived at the same conclusion: Central Ohio lacks sufficient housing to meet the market demands of our growing population.

As a result, MORPC, the City of Columbus and other partners are coordinating a housing strategy for the region that develops investment and policy recommendations for communities to support mixed income neighborhoods and regional growth. MORPC intends to seek additional local government partners to ensure the resulting strategies advance a broad mix of opportunities throughout the region. The goal of the City and MORPC is to foster a housing market where every household with a full-time wage earner can obtain housing in the private market, and to effectively supplement the market where we cannot achieve that goal.

The scope of work includes a report that reviews and summarizes previous studies and augments where there are gaps or where new information is needed. The “Existing Conditions” report will further identify structural impediments to housing development, such as permitting or zoning policies, and review and analyze current availability of public and private dollars to support affordable housing.

To identify investment strategies and policies, this housing strategy will explore novel and large-scale methods to jumpstart regional housing development through best practices research and researching local and regional strategies around funding and regulations that address housing needs, either currently in place or under consideration.
Finally, the regional housing strategy will result in recommendations that encompass a comprehensive and multi-pronged approach involving the public, private, and philanthropic sectors. While new housing may be necessary to accommodate growth, so too will retrofitting and rehabilitating existing homes to serve current residents. Therefore, the housing strategy will propose and prioritize specific recommendations addressing policy and regulations, finance, and cooperation.

The entire effort will be conducted with comprehensive stakeholder input and engagement and will establish indicators, benchmark baseline conditions, and set targets for each indicator to help the region track its progress toward its stated goal of fostering a housing market where every household with a full-time wage earner can obtain housing.

The strategy is expected to commence in April 2019 and conclude by the end of the year.

Attachment: Resolution 07-19
RESOLUTION 07-19

“Authorizing the executive director to accept up to $250,000 in local, private, and other funding and contract to conduct a regional housing strategy.”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), in partnership with the City of Columbus, Columbus 2020, and the Columbus District Council of the Urban Land Institute, concluded a scenario planning effort called insight2050 in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC Commission passed resolution 35-14 to utilize the data and key trends resulting out of the insight2050 project in MORPC, regional, and local planning activities; and

WHEREAS, most recent population projections estimate that Central Ohio could become a region of 3 million residents by 2050; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Franklin County alone is experiencing a poverty rate of nearly 17 percent; and

WHEREAS, several studies conducted by various entities found that our region lacks sufficient housing to meet the market demands of our growing and diverse population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has asked MORPC to lead a housing strategy for the region that develops investment and policy recommendations for communities to support mixed income neighborhoods and regional growth; and

WHEREAS, other communities and private entities have expressed interest to help fund such an initiative and are intended to be included in this regional effort; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to accept up to $250,000 in local, private, and other funding and contract to conduct a regional housing strategy.

Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.

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.

Rory McGuiness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Effective date:        April 11, 2019
Submitted by:         Kerstin Carr, Director, Planning & Sustainability
Prepared by:         Kerstin Carr, Director, Planning & Sustainability
Authority:           Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:     April 11, 2019
FISCAL YEAR 2020 MORPC PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Notes on Listing

Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2020) is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2020 or subsequent years.

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

Total Budget $2,899,762

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<td>Safety continues to be a significant focus for FHWA, ODOT and the entire region. This activity works to gather crash data, conduct crash data analyses to provide regional high-crash location lists, reports on safety meetings, encourages local governments to apply for funding to implement safety countermeasures, conducts pre- and post-crash data analysis for safety projects to evaluate the benefits of each countermeasure, and implements the regional systematic safety improvements.</td>
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Member assistance
Participation in local and state safety committees
Project Evaluation
Special projects and studies

**60150-3000**  
**Transit and Human Services Planning**
$75,000
Coordination, assistance, and oversight to improve transit service and workforce mobility. Work includes integration of all aspects of transit and mobility to ensure that an adequate level of access is afforded to all populations while improving the range of options for meeting diverse mobility needs.

*Products/Activities*
- Maintain the urbanized area’s Coordinated Plan for Franklin and Delaware Counties
- Public transit provider coordination
- Transit service planning assistance
- Monitor agreements and funding in the region

**60200-3000**  
**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation**
$275,000
The TIP is one of the two required items to allow for the flow of federal and state transportation funds into the region. This activity includes the development, update and revisions of the TIP, monitoring of federally funded projects, coordination of federally funded infrastructure projects with projects funded from other sources, allocation of STBG, CMAQ, and TAP funding, the TRAC process, environmental studies and engineering source document review, innovative financing, and financing education. Specific activities for the year are listed below.

*Products/Activities*
- Maintain the SFY 2018-2021 TIP and prepare SFY 2021-2024 TIP
- Prioritized list of regional projects for TRAC
- Collaboration on innovative project delivery and financing options for projects
- Reports on the status of federally funded projects & annual obligation report
- Update the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding

**60510-2000**  
**Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data**
$445,000
This element pertains to MORPC’s role as a leader in coordinating data providers throughout the region, as well as managing its own internal data and GIS systems. It includes using technology for collecting, maintaining and sharing data sets that support transportation programs. It includes keeping data sets current and organized, and managing and monitoring the GIS system. In addition, it includes advancing collaboration among local data providers to reduce redundancies and improve efficiencies associated with information management.

*Products/Activities*
- Increase efficiencies of internal data systems
- Update and maintain data sets to support transportation planning efforts
- Promote data sharing among data providers to reduce redundancy
- Coordinate with U.S. Census

**60520-2000**  
**Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs**
$400,000
Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools developed through 60510-2000 to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. In addition, MORPC functions as a regional resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs. This element includes aspects of research associated with fulfilling those requests.

*Products/Activities*
- Provide GIS and technical assistance to transportation programs
- Prepare annual estimates of population and employment at the county and sub-county level
- Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making
- Update the Transportation Plan Report Card
- Respond to and document requests

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Building upon transportation data, this activity maintains, updates and refines the regional transportation models and continues to refine and implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP) procedures in the 3C planning process, including monitoring congestion, Environmental Justice (social equity) analysis, TIP and Transportation Plan air quality conformity, SIP revisions, and CMAQ justifications. Participation in other regional congestion management and air quality initiatives.

**Products/Activities**
- Up-to-date travel demand model
- Up-to-date data sets for SIP development and air quality conformity
- Up-to-date CMP and EJ analysis procedures, data and documents
- Determination of the emissions changes from proposed CMAQ projects
- Up-to-date Land Use Model processes
- Modeling assistance to ODOT staff in the certified design traffic development

The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the major requirement of the MPO, including coordinating all Transportation Plan-related activities. This includes any follow-up to the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and continuing steps of the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This activity is also to coordinate with state and local agencies on transportation studies and plans. Specific activities this year are listed below.

**Products/Activities**
- 2016-2040 MTP Follow-up
- Goals and Objectives; Project Evaluation Criteria; and Land Use Projections for the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- 2020-2050 MTP Candidate Strategies and Projects
- Draft MTP Projects and Draft and Final 2020-2050 MTP
- Functional Class, National Highway System, and Regional Thoroughfare Plan
- Coordination with ODOT planning activities
- Complete long-range system studies
- insight2050 resource updates and outreach
- Intercity transportation service planning

Public involvement is a vital component of the transportation planning process. This activity maintains the public involvement process for transportation consistent with the FAST-Act and federal regulations and local needs. Efforts continue to seek the involvement of low-income and minority populations, handicapped and elderly in the transportation planning process, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Active Transportation Plan, FTA’s Section 5310, FTA’s Section 5307 and other transportation-related studies. The Public involvement Plan (PIP) supports the activities of the Community Advisory Committee, and provides updates on transportation planning activities through presentations, the web, electronic newsletter, social media and other public involvement activities.

**Products/Activities**
- Transportation Public Involvement Process
- Public Involvement Activities for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Public Involvement Activities for the Transportation Improvement Program
- Public Involvement Activities for the Active Transportation Plan
- Public Involvement for Miscellaneous Transportation Activities

Coordination of transportation planning efforts among different jurisdictions is a critical element to ensuring regional consistency in the transportation network. This activity includes informational sharing meetings among MORPC and others, regional collaboration meetings, and educational transportation workshops and forums. Through this element MORPC staff will provide technical planning assistance to support individual communities with effective integration of insight2050 findings into local land use and transportation plans.

**Products/Activities**
- Informational Meetings
- Regional Collaboration Group Meetings

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Member Education
Planning Technical Assistance Program

69710-3000  Program Administration
$105,000

This work element is to facilitate the efficient administration of the transportation planning program. This work element provides for technical and policy direction of activities to fulfill ODOT, U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, FHWA, FTA and jointly funded work as described in the Planning Work Program, where such activities are not directly attributable to specific work elements. The specific items are listed below.

**Products/Activities**
- CAC, TAC, TPC agendas and meeting summaries
- Annual Planning Work Program and Completion Report
- Title VI & DBE Process
- Maintain certification and planning agreements
- Monitor federal and state planning requirements

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## II. Special Studies

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<td>The purpose of this work element is to study intercity routes that could utilize two rapid-speed transportation technologies—traditional passenger rail and/or hyperloop technology—between Chicago, Columbus, and Pittsburgh. The piece includes work that could build into components of an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the corridor. Future pieces will likely include completing a full Tier 1 EIS.</td>
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<td><strong>Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) - Feasibility</strong></td>
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<td>The purpose of this work element is to study intercity routes that could utilize hyperloop technology—between Chicago, Columbus, and Pittsburgh. Initially, the RSTI will be a Hyperloop Feasibility Study. This will provide a building block for additional, more detailed studies. The Hyperloop study will enhance work already completed by MORPC, that submitted the winning proposal to Virgin Hyperloop One as part of its Global Challenge competition in 2017.</td>
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<td><strong>Paving The Way SFY20</strong></td>
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<td>$150,000</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>66558-1000</td>
<td><strong>Technical Assistance Program</strong></td>
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<td>$200,000</td>
<td>The purpose of this work element is to provide technical planning assistance to support individual communities with effective integration of insight2050 findings into local land use and transportation plans. Services will be provided for specific community planning and development projects related to transportation, air quality, traffic, and other projects that support consideration of transportation in land use planning and/or demonstrate the benefits of various modes of transportation. Part of this work element is to maintain online references, tools, policies, and expertise developed under this PWP work element.</td>
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<td>66560-3000</td>
<td><strong>Supplemental Planning SFY20</strong></td>
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<td>This work element supplements the formula-funded program and includes research and planning efforts that are required to fulfill MPO planning and project implementation responsibilities. The activity includes elements that supplement project delivery, data collection and data management, RSTI support, long-range studies and sustainability. Specific activities this year are listed below.</td>
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Develop a Strategic Plan for the Regional Data Advisory Committee
Provide special services and conduct special transportation studies
Western Licking and Fairfield County Thoroughfare Plan
Support for the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) activities
Coordination with other regional activities such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda to further the 2016-2040 MTP goals

5310 Designated Recipient - 2020
This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for each federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients.

Products/Activities
A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions
Comply with other FTA requirements
Program of Projects
Update and maintain the Coordinated Plan

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America Walks Conference
The National Walking Summit is an opportunity for community advocates, nonprofit representatives, government officials, and transit, health, and planning professionals to share best practices and stories, increase the visibility of key issues, build support for the walking movement, and create momentum for the work ahead. The Summit will discuss and plan interventions to address concerns, share process, resources, and stories, and build awareness and actions of the walking movement. The Summits will celebrate and identify local approaches and applications of national solutions that feature projects, programs, and practitioners that are creating safe, accessible, equitable, and enjoyable places to walk and be physically active. America

Products/Activities
October 1, 2019 National Walking Summit

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III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

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<td>Transportation Services (Ridesharing) SFY20</td>
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<td>$780,000</td>
<td>Promote Travel Demand Reduction (TDM) in Central Ohio; and market programs and service in a 15-county area. Program services include carpool matching, vanpool formation, transit, bike and pedestrian support and strategies for employers and the general public. MORPC administers an emergency ride home program, vanpool program, and a multiregional rideshare matching vendor contract in coordination with OARC rideshare agencies.</td>
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<td>Promote a culture of sustainable and smart multimodal travel throughout Central Ohio. Public education and ridematching services</td>
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<td>Raise public awareness about mobility options in the region. Increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance to improve air quality</td>
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<td>National Transit Database reporting</td>
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<td>Promote TDM services in diverse and underserved populations</td>
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<td>66730-1000</td>
<td>Air Quality Awareness</td>
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<td>$565,000</td>
<td>In 2001, MORPC began a year-round daily air quality forecasting service for ground-level ozone and particulate matter in order to track and report poor air quality to the public, businesses, and organizations. This work element ensures that MORPC continues air pollution forecasting and educating its members and the public on the importance of air quality, its health and environmental impacts, and how to reduce air pollution. Educating the public, issuing air quality alerts, and understanding the impacts of air quality on our communities is an important complement to transportation planning and funding. It ensures: 1) that the public understands the benefits of non-motorized and alternative-fueled transportation, 2) technology enhancement for more efficient transportation to reduce congestion and 3) that they have the knowledge to protect their health from air pollution caused by fossil-fueled transportation. Strategies for reducing fuel use include providing technical assistance, such as outreach, data benchmarking and analysis, assessments, and planning services to assist communities in advancing alternative fuel and other transportation-related choices which reduce emissions and energy use.</td>
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<td>Operate a year-round daily air quality forecasting and alert system to communicate important air quality information to Central Ohio residents</td>
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| 66505-3000   | **Ongoing Local Planning**  
Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget.  
**No funding**  
**Products/Activities**  
Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes |
| 67401-3000   | **Ongoing COTA Activities**  
This work element is for coordination with COTA 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. No budget.  
**No funding**  
**Products/Activities**  
COTA’s planning process  
Continued refinement of COTA Long-Range Plan and other planning activities  
Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update  
Service change planning  
COTA safety and asset management plans  
Transit On Board Survey |
| 67402-3000   | **Ongoing DATABus Activities**  
This work element is for coordination with DATABus to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in Delaware County. No budget.  
**No funding**  
**Products/Activities**  
DATABus’s planning process and requirements needed to receive federal urban area and state funds  
Delete Census changes to transit operations - Delete  
Implementing recommendations from DATABus’s updated mission and visioning process and the Transit Development Plan & Local Funding Study  
DATABus safety and asset management plans. |

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 14, 2019
Time: 2:40 p.m.
Location: Scioto Conference Room

Members Present
Chris Amorose Groomes  Dave Gulden  Cornell Robertson
Mike Anderson  Marian Harris  Isaac Robinson
Karen Angelou  Alex Heckman  Allen Rothermel
Herb Asher  Tom Homan  Michael Schadek
Trudy Bartley  Matt Huffman  Jim Schimmer
Beth Beatty  Pamela Hykes O’Grady  Don Schonhardt
Jeff Benton  Erik Janas  Roby Schottke
Pat Blayney  Anthony Jones for  Kent Shafer
Stacey Boumis  Thomas Kneeland  Alana Shockey
Susan Brobst  Emily Keeler  David Simmons
Ron Bullard  Steve Kennedy  Thom Slack
Greg Butcher  Kim Maggard  Keena Smith
Carolyn Casper  Glenn Marzluf  Ike Stage
Mike Compton  Rory McGuiness  Joe Stefanov
Karl Craven  Bonnie Michael  Andy Teater
William Dorman  Megan O’Callaghan  Emily Wheeler
Brad Ebersole  John O’Grady  Nancy White
Catherine Girves  Robert Peters

Commission Members
Joe Antrum  Joy Davis  Tim Hansley
Paul Benedetti  Terry Emery  David Scheffler
Franklin Christman  Bill Habig  Andy Ware

Associate Members
Nikki Scarpitti

MORPC Staff Present
Bernice Cage  Eileen Leuby  Susan Tsen
Kerstin Carr  Amanda McEldowney  Jack Wagoner
Mary Ann Frantz  William Murdock  Thea Walsh
Joe Garrity  Shari Saunders  Brandi Whetstone
Nick Gill  Maria Schaper  Robert Williams
Shawn Hufstedler  Aaron Schill
Ciel Klein  Bevan Schneck

Guests Present
John Bayliss, Logan County  Morgan Schroeder, Strand Associates
De De Doss, Logan County  Andy Shifflett – Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Riane Federman – Blendon Township  Steve Tugend – Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Meeting Called to Order
Chair Rory McGuiness called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director
  MORPC assisted on the applications for three Central Ohio projects that applied for Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grants:
  - Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads/Innerbelt project
  - I-71 and US 36/SR37/Sunbury Parkway interchange
  - I-70 and SR 29 interchange in Madison County

  The new Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) list is now available on MORPC's website. The list includes 43 projects over 10 counties and totals $5.2 billion. An interactive map and profiles for each project are available at www.morpc.org/program-service/competitive-advantage-projects/.

  The Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda includes Proposed Resolution T-2-19 adopting MORPC-attributable funding commitments and Proposed Resolution T-3-19 a TIP amendment that includes an award of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funds. Section 5310 is the FTA's Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Program.

  Thea Walsh announced that the Franklin County Commissioners just approved a Transportation Improvement District (TID) for the Franklin County's Engineer Office.

- Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director
  Aaron Schill reported the new Paving the Way website is under development. The April 9 Annual Paving the Way meeting will include a demo of the new website and the opportunity for communities to share construction projects.

  Franklin County and the City of Columbus kicked-off the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee. The committee has 30 subcommittees. MORPC Chairs the Local Government Subcommittee, whose role is to engage local communities in Franklin County to be a part of it. See Aaron Schill if you are interested in serving on the subcommittee. A large part of the subcommittee is to push out the work and resources to the rest of the region. Ohio is projected to lose one congressional seat.

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

2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Director
Thea Walsh provided an MTP Status Update. MORPC Team Members are working on the 2050 Land Use Forecast, collecting candidate projects from communities, and developing project evaluation criteria. Project evaluation criteria are related to the MTP goals. Maria Schaper is the MORPC MTP Project Leader.

MORPC has partnered with seven regional counties not in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on transportation planning. The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization
(CORPO) adopted a regional long-range transportation plan in June 2018. The county-by-county plan is available on MORPC’s [website](https://www.morpc.org).

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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

| Chris Amorose Groomes         | Brad Ebersole                  | John O’Grady                      |
| Mike Anderson                 | Terry Emery                    | Robert Peters                     |
| Karen Angelou                 | Dave Gulden                   | Cornell Robertson                 |
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| Jeff Benton                   | Matt Huffman                  | Roby Schottke                     |
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| Stacey Boumis                 | Erik Janas                    | Alana Shockey                     |
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| Franklin Christman            | Kim Maggard                   | Andy Teater                       |
| Mike Compton                  | Glenn Marzluf                 | Andy Ware                         |
| Karl Craven                   | Rory McGuinness               | Emily Wheeler                     |
| Joy Davis                     | Bonnie Michael                | Nancy White                       |
| William Dorman                | Megan O’Callaghan             |                                   |

## Policy Committee Members

| Catherine Girves               | Isaac Robinson                | Thom Slack                        |

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Meeting Called to Order – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair
Chair Rory McGuiness called the Commission meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chair McGuiness led the Commission in a moment of silence for City of Hilliard Service Director Clyde “Butch” Seidle. Mr. Seidle was a member of many MORPC committees and his contribution will be sadly missed.

Chair McGuiness recognized guests and new representatives: Robert Peters, Prairie Township; John Bayliss, De De Doss, Jon Antrum and Paul Benedetti, Logan County.

Chair McGuiness shared that the region and the MORPC Team have made significant progress on three key initiatives he has focused on for the region in his role as MORPC Chair:

- Further explore Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs) – Madison, Delaware and Franklin Counties created TIDs in the past year.
- Explore how to get sustainable transportation funding to the region – there is a real possibility for an increase in the motor vehicle user fuel tax; the ability for cities and townships to increase the permissive license fees; and transit receiving funding increases as well.
- Update the MORPC Strategic Plan – this will begin later this year and funds were included in the 2019 MORPC budget.

Nominating Committee Report – Erik Janas
Erik Janas presented the Nominating Committee Recommendations. The Nominating Committee members are Erik Janas, Chair; Holly Mattei, Gary Merrell, Bonnie Michael, and Mike Schadek. The Committee met via conference call March 6 and makes the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions.

Nominees for Officers for renewed one-year Officer Terms (expires 2020):
Chair: Rory McGuiness, Deputy Director of Development, City of Columbus
Vice-Chair: Karen Angelou, Council Member, City of Gahanna
Secretary: Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County

Nominees for renewal of one year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2020)
Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, City Manager, City of New Albany
Eric Phillips (2007), Chair of Benefits & Compensation Committee, Executive Director/Chamber CEO, Union County/Marysville Economic Development Partnership
Rory McGuiness (2012), Chair of Commission, Deputy Director of Administration, City of Columbus

Nominees for renewal of two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2021)
Kim Maggard (2015), Mayor, City of Whitehall
Jennifer Gallagher (2017), Director, Department of Public Service, City of Columbus
Erik Janas (2017), Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County

Nominees for a new two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2021)
John Benton (2019), Commissioner, Delaware County
Note: the year in parentheses after each name refers to the first year of the member’s current service on the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Gary Merrell is stepping down from the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee recommends Commissioner Jeff Benton in order to maintain a Delaware County representative on the Executive Committee. Nominations can still be accepted; contact Erik Janas or William Murdock. The nominations will be voted on at the April Commission meeting.

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

William Murdock welcomed the new Logan County representatives to the Commission and he wished everyone a happy Pi day.

Mr. Murdock highlighted agenda items that focused on state and federal transportation funding, and on MORPC building recommendations.

New Communications & Engagement Director Niel Jurist begins March 25. Ms. Jurist comes from the City of Gahanna.

The April 18 State of the Region is almost sold out. Over 820 people are registered for the event featuring Keynote Speaker Anthony Foxx. Early bird registration ends Sunday, March 17. Mr. Murdock issued a last call for sponsors.

Mr. Murdock shared the following awards MORPC received in the last month:

- Columbia Gas of Ohio’s WarmChoice program received national recognition as an exemplary program from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy. MORPC was included in the honor.
- MORPC’s Gohio Commute campaign won an Addy award from the American Advertising Federation.
- MORPC’s Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director Thea Walsh was named Central Ohio WTS Woman of the Year.

Mr. Murdock asked members to let MORPC Staff know if they paid for parking for today’s meeting. MORPC will cover the cost. Mr. Murdock reminded members that free overflow parking is available behind Kroger and also MORPC is accessible via transit and biking.

**Proposed Resolution 02-19: “Accepting Logan County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director**

Roby Schottke made a motion to approve Resolution 02-19, second by Emily Keeler; motion passed.

**Proposed Resolution 04-19: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into a building lease for additional meeting and event space” – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Director of Operations**

William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler shared that Resolutions 04-19, 05-19 and 06-19 allow MORPC to move forward to upgrade space for meetings, events, and staff. There is no anticipated increase in building dues.
The original balance in the building fund was $2.9 million. Today the building fund has $1,048,500; the operations reserve has $1.3 million; and the management reserve has $100,000 totaling approximately $2.4 million.

The lower level meets ADA accessibility requirements from the upper level.

There is no reduction in parking spaces, but not many additional spaces are available either.

Tom Homan made a motion to approve Resolution 04-19, second by Pat Blayney; motion passed.

**Proposed Resolution 05-19**: “Authorizing the use of the MORPC building fund to make office and meeting space upgrades” – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve Resolution 05-19, second by David Scheffler; motion passed.

**Proposed Resolution 06-19**: “Acceptance of the revision to 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

Ike Stage made a motion to approve Resolution 06-19, second by Kim Maggard; motion passed.

**Committees**

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

Kim Maggard presented the **Regional Policy Roundtable Update**. The Regional Policy Roundtable met February 19 and discussed the completion of the Public Policy Agenda, the state transportation budget and federal priorities. The roundtable is keeping an eye on the state executive operating budget which comes out March 15 and expects to coordinate with the Sustainable Advisory Committee on energy issues. The next roundtable meeting is April 16.

- **Legislative Update** – Joe Garrity, MORPC Government Affairs Director and Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

  Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity gave the legislative update highlighting the state transportation budget:
  - Resolution 03-19 supports Gov. DeWine’s original proposed budget while allowing for support of some of the amendments
  - The current bill includes a yearly fee of $200 for electric vehicles and $100 for hybrid vehicles
  - Need to focus on the Ohio Senate
    - Reach out to Senators
    - Pass resolutions
    - Provide testimony
    - MORPC can assist

- **Proposed Resolution 03-19**: “Supporting House Bill 62: State Transportation Budget” – Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs
Joe Garrity stated Resolution 03-19 needs to be amended by removing the second “whereas” statement. It is not needed.

Ike Stage asked that the resolution be amended to state the amount of Gov. DeWine’s original proposal hike for the motor fuel user fee, eighteen cents per gallon.

The first “whereas” statement was amended to read: “WHEREAS, Governor DeWine’s proposed state transportation budget, House Bill 62, increases the motor fuel user fee eighteen cents per gallon and indexes it to inflation to help maintain our local roads and bridges; and”

Andy Teater made a motion to approve Resolution 03-19 as amended, second by Roby Schottke; motion passed.

See the March 2019 Monthly Legislative Update for other legislative news.

Smart Region Task Force – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director
Aaron Schill reported the Smart Region Task Force met March 12 and continued its work on the Smart Streets Policy, the first of its kind in the country. The draft policy was reviewed by the Regional Data Advisory Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Community Advisory Committee, the ITS Working Group and the Executive Committee. The Task Force received a lot of thoughtful and constructive feedback and is working to incorporate the suggestions. The updated policy will be presented in April and brought forward for approval in May.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
Jim Schimmer presented the Sustainability Advisory Committee Report. Ozone season begins March 1 and runs through October 31. This year MORPC is partnering with the National Weather Service (NWS) to share air quality alerts through their webpage, NOAA weather radio, and the NWS social media accounts. Air Quality Awareness Week is April 29-May 3.

Riverfest is June 8-9 at Bicentennial Park in Columbus. Once again, it will be in conjunction with the Arts Festival. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Amanda McEldowney with suggestions. Nearly 500,000 people attended the Arts Festival last year.

Sustainable2050 members are expanding their sustainability efforts. In February, the City of Dublin held the kick-off meeting for their Sustainability Advisory Team. The City of Grove City passed a resolution to form an Environmental Sustainability Committee.

MORPC will host a session dedicated to the Regional Sustainability Agenda and Sustainable2050 at the April 17 Ohio EPA Sustainability Conference. The next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is April 17 at the conference.

Transportation Policy Committee – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair
Chair McGuiness called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:40 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:54 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.
Other Business

Chair McGuiness congratulated Trudy Bartley for being named one of the YWCA’s Women of Achievement.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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