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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, September 5, 2019  
1:30 p.m.

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome** – Karen Angelou, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
  - Approval of **August 1, 2019 minutes**
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock
4. **Committee Updates**
  - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joe Garrity
  - **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Aaron Schill
  - **Smart Region Task Force** – Aaron Schill & Thea Walsh
  - **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Thea Walsh
  - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Thea Walsh
5. **Proposed Resolution 15-19: “Recognizing September 2019 as Safe Driving Awareness Month”** – Stephen Patchan
6. **Residential Services Update** – Robert Williams
7. **Draft Commission Agenda**
8. **Other Business**
9. **Executive Session – ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1)**

Purpose: to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, license, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

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**The next Executive Committee Meeting is  
Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.  
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
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## Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 1, 2019  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Location: Scioto Conference Room

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### **Members Present**

Chris Amorose Groomes  
Karen Angelou  
Jeff Benton  
Franklin Christman

Erik Janas  
Kim Maggard  
Matt Greeson  
Rory McGuiness

Joe Stefanov  
Nancy White

### **MORPC Staff Present**

Joe Garrity  
Shawn Hufstedler  
Joe Garrity  
Niel Jurist

Nathaniel Kaelin  
Ciel Klein  
Eileen Leuby  
William Murdock

Aaron Schill  
Thea Walsh  
Robert Williams

### **Welcome – Karen Angelou**

Chair Karen Angelou welcomed everyone back from the break and called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Executive Director's Report – William Murdock**

William Murdock shared several pieces of good news: OCCD presented MORPC with the 2019 Community Development Partner of the year as a result of our work in Residential Services; Kerstin Carr graduated from Leadership Columbus and Aaron Schill is accepted into the next class of Leadership Columbus. Chair Angelou noted that William Murdock was named to Business First's Power 100 list.

MORPC kicked off the Regional Housing Strategy on Wednesday July 31. Twelve communities are involved along with partners The Columbus Foundation and Columbus Partnership utilizing the expertise of Enterprise Consultants from Washington DC. The Advisory Committee will meet on August 8. The timeline to complete the study is six months. The partners include one non-MORPC member, Licking County. If other communities would like to be a part of this study, please let Mr. Murdock know.

Diversity efforts include Trudy Bartley presenting to the Commission on a Poverty Study. The agency is participating in Implicit Bias training. The MORPC Emerging Leaders group is choosing their project for the year based on our diversity strategy.

There is still space available for the Ohio Conference on Freight in Cleveland this year. Let Mr. Murdock know if you want to attend. The Ohio Association of Regional Councils agreed to rotate the conference between Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Columbus every year. Columbus will host next year.

Mr. Murdock had the opportunity to speak to federal legislators in July courtesy of the National Association of Regional Councils Major Metros group. This group consists of the top 35 councils in the United States. The focus was on transportation and housing.

In the fall, MORPC will host a Strategic Framework retreat for the Executive Committee. MORPC gathered program information and wants to connect how everything fits into the planning MORPC does. Information for the RFP will be available at the September meeting.

Jay Walder, CEO of Virgin Hyperloop One (VHO) is coming to Columbus on a national roadshow. The event begins at COSI on Sunday, August 4, with the demo pod available to view. Volunteers will assist VHO. On Monday, the pod will be on the Statehouse lawn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are many other meetings and events Monday through Wednesday. Mr. Murdock will send event information to the Executive Committee. Columbus is fortunate to be first on the roadshow agenda. We plan to show everyone what Central Ohio can do. MORPC reserved CMC tables for the August 7<sup>th</sup> luncheon with Jay Walder and COSI's Dr. Frederic Bertley. Please let Ciel Klein know if you wish to attend.

September is Safety Month, and MORPC's Safety Plan will be presented. The fall insight2050 Academy begins in September and is focused on housing design and policy.

MORPC was able to execute a lease amendment to include the lower level space at a lower cost than anticipated (\$21.40/sq. foot). The lease was amended to coincide with the current space lease time frame. Additionally, in consultation with the MORPC officers and the members of the Building Committee, the amended lease aligned the upper level lease cost structure with the agreed upon lower level cost structure. The alignment results in MORPC paying more in the early years of the remainder of the lease, but less overall during the expected life of the lease including renewal options.

The Salary Survey is complete with 29 communities participating – 100% of the Executive Committee communities participated. Mr. Murdock thanked everyone for this accomplishment.

#### **Benefits & Compensation Committee – Shawn Hufstедler**

The committee has a health care focus this year and is exploring ways to improve the current plan. Eric Phillips, Erik Janas, and Nancy White from the Executive Committee are serving on the committee. The committee will also review the employee guidebook with modest changes and merit increases for 2020. The proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee in October for approval.

#### **Regional Policy Roundtable Update – Joe Garrity**

Joe Garrity noted the Regional Policy Roundtable has met three times this year. Mr. Garrity shared the status of the six items of interest to MORPC in the recently passed state operating budget. There was a modest increase in the local government fund, the transportation budget was protected. The governor issued a line item veto on HB149 (Property Tax Exemption for Residential Development) provision. HB 6 (Energy bill) passed; MORPC provided opponent testimony and the issue is not yet settled. The Roundtable will not take a stance on HB163 (Municipal Water/Sewer practices) but will take the opportunity to provide information to Roundtable members on the economic development impact of the bill so they can make individual decisions.

The Columbus Region Coalition had an opportunity to participate in a Fly-In. There was significant support for regional INFRA Grant requests. Unfortunately, our region did not receive that federal investment.

**Sustainable Advisory Committee Update – Kerstin Carr**

Kerstin Carr noted that the Sustainability Advisory Committee has two new members, Ronn Stewart from Pizzuti and Ben Kessler, Mayor of the City of Bexley. A Sustainable Dashboard Committee was formed and will work with OSU and CURA.

The Central Ohio Greenways will likely embark on an Impact of Trails Study later this year. The study is estimated to cost around \$100,000. MORPC received \$45,000 from The Columbus Foundation and submitted a request to Partners for Places for \$45,000.

Registration for the October 11<sup>th</sup> Summit on Sustainability is open at [www.morpc.org/summit](http://www.morpc.org/summit). The keynote speaker will be announced soon.

**Transportation Policy Committee Update – Thea Walsh**

Thea Walsh updated the Executive Committee on the Transportation Policy Committee. The Franklin County Transportation Improvement District received a \$200,000 grant for Alum Creek and Moore Road from ODOT. The administrative services contract is being finalized.

COTA and the City of New Albany received a grant of \$2.6 million for electric buses.

Eight TRAC projects were submitted for over \$12 million. Public Comment is open through next week.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is available for comment. You may add projects to the interactive web map through August.

Staff are finishing the Rapid Speed Transit Initiative and are also working with Virgin Hyperloop One. There are public involvement meetings in August and September.

Rory McGuinness went back to thank Joe Garrity, Nathaniel Kaelin, Thea Walsh and William Murdock and everyone in the room who helped write letters of support for the INFRA Grant application. He noted that there was a lot of effort and collaboration which goes a long way toward getting grants moving.

Commissioner Benton inquired about the next step for TRAC projects; Ms. Walsh explained the process.

**Proposed Resolution EC-04-19: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements for October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for urgent home repair and to administer the joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board for the period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020” – Robert Williams**

This resolution covers MORPC’s urgent repair program for up to \$800,000 to complete urgent home repairs including urgent and emergency health-and-safety related home repairs, handicapped accessible modifications, home sewage disposal and/or private water system repairs, nuisance abatement, and major rehabilitation for homes in Franklin County outside the City of Columbus. MORPC will continue to serve as the administrator of the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Advisory Housing Board.

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve Resolution EC-04-19, second by Franklin Christman; motion passed.

**Proposed Resolution 12-19: “Accepting the City of Bellefontaine as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock**

Matt Greeson made a motion to approve Resolution 12-19, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

**Proposed Resolution 13-19: “Accepting Fairfield County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock**

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve Resolution 13-19, second by Matt Greeson; motion passed.

**Proposed Resolution 14-19: “MORPC Sustainable2050 Commitment” – Kerstin Carr**

This resolution formalizes MORPC’s commitment to the Sustainable2050 program and recognizes MORPC’s role to lead by example and influence sustainable practices across the region that is both fiscally and environmentally responsible. MORPC will not only facilitate the Sustainable2050 program for its members, but also seek certification as a Sustainable2050 member and track its own progress toward the goals of the Regional Sustainability Agenda.

Kim Maggard made a motion to approve Resolution 14-19, second by Joe Stefanov; motion passed.

**Competitive Advantage Initiative Funding Activity (CAP) – Nathaniel Kaelin**

Nathaniel Kaelin updated the Executive Committee on the CAP. There are currently 43 projects from ten counties in the portfolio. The next steps are to find ways to fund the projects through public/private partnerships. An RFP was issued to assist in evaluating ways to fund the projects. Ice Miller is assisting with the break down and review of the most viable projects and give regional balance. The goal is to ultimately get to five or six projects and brainstorm initial concepts to advance the projects. This will be a September to November timeframe.

**Quarterly Financial Statements – Shawn Hufstедler**

MORPC’s cash position at the end of June was approximately \$834,000 representing 16 days of operating costs. With the operating reserve added in we are at 42 days of reserve where we would want to be at 60 days. The reason is the weatherization costs are not yet received, not enough clients in the door, and the fee per unit is down. Throughout Ohio, similar organizations are having difficulty finding clients. We are focusing in on rental properties with larger portfolios.

Member dues were \$42,000 over budget where we provided more advocacy. There is generally a surplus toward the end of the year, so this overage is not a large concern.

The actual fringe rate variance was unfavorable, and the indirect rate variance was favorable for a net positive variance.

**Quarterly Membership Report – Eileen Leuby**

Eileen Leuby provided the [Quarterly Membership Report](#) and briefly updated the committee on the following events:

- Rural Region Workshops
  - Mt. Vernon – August 13, 9:30 a.m.

- Social Media for Governments Forum had 90 participants
- MORPC Night at the Clippers – August 7 – Erik Janas is throwing out the first pitch
- The successful Intern Program with 16 students is ending August 14
- Member visits continue

William Murdock noted that through Ms. Leuby's skills, MORPC's membership, has grown to 70 local governments and associates. She was promoted in July to MORPC's Membership Services Officer.

### **Draft Commission Agenda**

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft August 8, 2019 Commission Meeting Agenda.

### **Other Business**

In other business, Rory McGuiness discussed one of the functions of the Executive Committee is the annual Executive Director evaluation. Clemans Nelson is providing the expertise and suggested the same format as that used for the MORPC agency. The draft format will be shared in September; the Executive Committee will have one month to provide feedback. In October, the Executive Director Evaluation will be sent out for you to complete. In November, the results of the evaluation will be provided.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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Erik J. Janas, Secretary  
**Executive Committee**



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## Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Kerstin Carr, Director  
Planning & Sustainability

**DATE:** September 4, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 15-19: **“Recognizing September 2019 as Safe Driving Awareness Month”**

This memo supports the resolution for MORPC to recognize September 2019 as Safe Driving Awareness Month. Safety is among the top priorities of MORPC as evident through the work of its Safety Program and the most recent development of the Central Ohio Roadway Safety Plan. MORPC’s roadway safety plans, programs, and initiatives are an important part of these efforts.

As embodied in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Regional Sustainability Agenda, and Regional Complete Streets Policy, MORPC maintains goals to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries through innovative design and infrastructure. While Central Ohio is seeing some reduction in serious injuries, it is seeing an overall increase in crashes and fatalities.

As a result, MORPC has been encouraging member governments to raise roadway safety awareness. This effort includes the publication of the annual State of Safety report and regional high crash locations list as well as partnering with the Ohio Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions to implement Regional Safety Audits, Systemic Safety Initiatives, and Safety Awareness Campaigns.

MORPC is committed to support state and local government efforts in raising public awareness about the importance of safe driving.

Attachment: Resolution 15-19

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RESOLUTION 15-19

**“Recognizing September 2019 as Safe Driving Awareness Month”**

WHEREAS, Central Ohio experiences on average 39,358 crashes per year, resulting in an average of 14,387 injuries and 106 fatalities per year; and

WHEREAS, research shows that crashes are often preventable through safer driving behavior and improved roadway design; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) recognizes the need for safer streets, increased safety education, and stronger legislation to protect all roadway users, including pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is consistently working on initiatives to increase roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is committed to be an active partner with local/state agencies and stakeholders to help implement the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS, September was designated as Safe Driving Awareness Month in 2014 by Senate Bill 294 to honor Maria Tiberi and other victims of motor vehicle crashes; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the Commission recognizes September 2019 as Safe Driving Awareness Month and urges all residents to follow the rules of the road while driving.
- Section 2. 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 3. 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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Rory McGuinness, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Effective date: September 12, 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: September 12, 2019  
Attachment(s): Memo