NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, February 13, 2020
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1:30 p.m.  1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Welcome – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair

3. One MORPC One Voice: CelebrateOne – Ashon McKenzie, CelebrateOne Director of Strategic Initiatives

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

   a. Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

5. Proposed Resolution 01-20: “Accepting the City of Chillicothe as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

6. Proposed Resolution 02-20: “Accepting the City of Circleville as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

7. Recognition of Guests & New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

2:00 p.m.  Committees

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

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Rory McGuiness
Chair

Karen J. Angelou
Vice Chair

Erik J. Janas
Secretary
a. Call to Order – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair

b. Metropolitan Planning Organization Report
   - Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Walsh, Director

c. Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda
   1) Approval of December 12, 2019 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
   2) Proposed Resolution T-1-20: “Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures’ Targets”

d. RSTI Presentation – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director

e. 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director

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

2:20 p.m.

9. Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization – Mark Forrest (Madison County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair

10. Regional Data Advisory Committee – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair

11. Regional Policy Roundtable – Ben Collins (Plain Township), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
   a. Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Hill Brown + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs

12. Sustainability Advisory Committee – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
   - Sustainable2050 Certification

13. Commission Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of December 12, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes
   b. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

14. Other Business

3:00 p.m.

15. 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, March 12, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
The draft list of strategies is published on MORPC’s website. Team Members are finalizing the draft list of projects and fiscal analysis. The draft project list will be available on the interactive webmap tool.

Team Members continue outreach efforts for the MTP.
- Preparations are underway for the February 26 Public Open House featuring the formal MTP document.
- Almost all community presentations are scheduled.
- A postcard was distributed to MORPC’s public involvement address list explaining the MTP and inviting the public to the open house.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services
MORPC received 17 applications for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 to enhance mobility for older adults and people with disabilities. Recommended applicants will be announced next month and submitted for a quarterly STIP/TIIP amendment to apply for funding with FTA.

Team Members submitted a 5310 application to support mobility management and coordinate programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. This program will allow MORPC to better support mobility and planning efforts that decrease isolation and increase quality of life for individuals in the Central Ohio region.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
The draft SFY 2021-24 TIP will be provided to ODOT February 7. Team Members continue to gather project information from local jurisdictions and to update ODOT and MORPC project information. The Final Draft TIP is due to ODOT on March 27, which begins the formal public comment period. The TIP Open House is Tuesday, March 31, at MORPC. Public notices were placed in the Columbus Dispatch, Columbus African American Journal, Delaware Gazette, Marysville Journal-Tribune, Newark Advocate, and Lancaster Eagle Gazette to announce the start of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.
MORPC Attributable Funding
The Attributable Funding Committee (AFC) released a draft of revised funding policies for public review and comment. The team will provide the AFC a summary of any comments received and proposed revisions in response if needed. Approval of the updated policies document will be requested at the March committee meetings. The next attributable funding round opens the end of spring 2020.

Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
The NRAC received six preliminary screener applications from two agencies intending to apply for Round 14 of Clean Ohio Conservation funding. The total amount requested is $5.5 million. Approximately $3.8 million is available. Final applications are due March 20.

Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (FCTID)
Team Members coordinated with FCTID legal counsel to draft three resolutions for the January meeting of the FCTID Board of Trustees, resulting in the inclusion of two new projects being added to the FCTID program of projects. Team Members continue to explore strategies for maximizing the benefit which the FCTID can provide to Franklin County.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)
MORPC and Ice Miller conducted six workshops as part of the Innovative Funding Strategies Development Activity. The workshops explored a variety of funding strategies which could potentially be used to advance CAP projects around the region. Ice Miller will utilize the information shared at the workshops to better inform funding recommendations.

Gohio
Gohio Team Members worked with local government and mobility partners in the Central Ohio Mode Shift Coalition to confirm 2020 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) events and campaigns. The group reviewed the first draft of the 2020-2021 Central Ohio TDM Plan and provided suggestions to incorporate in the final report.

Gohio Team Members met with and/or presented sustainable transportation options to a variety of audiences.
- Ohio Means Jobs Training Meeting
- Scott’s Miracle Gro
- Chase Corporation
- State of Ohio Staff (partnered with COTA and SID)

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)
The Hyperloop Feasibility Study documentation will be available to the public in February.

MORPC submitted two proposals to advance the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) hyperloop project.
- The Hyperloop Magnetic Levitation Project for Central Ohio proposal was in response to the Federal Railroad Administration Notice of Funding Opportunity. The proposal requests funds to complete planning studies and approvals for a hyperloop maglev route between Dublin, downtown Columbus, and John Glenn International Columbus Airport.
- The International Hyperloop Certification Center (IHCC) Virgin Hyperloop One (VHO) issued a request for proposals for a certification track and research facility that would serve to certify hyperloop technology as well as right-of-way development. On behalf of project partners that include JobsOhio, ODOT, and TRC, MORPC submitted a
proposal to VHO, which was selected in late 2019 to advance to Phase 2 of the competition.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
The preferred slate of awards for infrastructure projects approved by the Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for OPWC District 3, comprising Franklin County is shown below. The funds are available as grants and loans through Round 34 of the State Capital Improvements Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program.

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**TOTAL** $76,825,720 $29,517,113

**CORPO Update**
Team Members submitted a proposal to ODOT requesting funds to study access from Knox and Morrow Counties to area freeways.

CORPO Team Members provided transportation safety data to Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA), a peer RTPO, related to a trails project in northeast Knox County.

MORPC submitted responses to USDOT’s request for information regarding the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success or ROUTES program. RTPOs were
asked to detail the issues and barriers that rural communities face concerning various topics such as development, housing, and transportation. Based on more than three years of feedback from CORPO members meetings and events, a list of responses was compiled.

Union County received almost $90,000 for an Ohio Transportation Partnership Program (OTP2) grant which will be used for a mobility related feasibility study. The amount was more than the original ask and therefore made for a welcome surprise.

**Active Transportation Planning**
The Complete Streets Steering Committee began reviewing the policy update. The policy is anticipated to be completed in fall 2020.

The Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG) meeting included discussion about safety for vulnerable roadways users, updates from ODOT on statewide active transportation planning and the upcoming funding round for Safe Routes to School, and a member spotlight presentation on the Westerville Mobility Plan. Dates will be announced soon for the second round of stakeholder workshops for the statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan, Walk.Bike.Ohio. The Steering Committee identified performance metrics to be included in the plan.

**insight2050**
Corridor Concepts Team Members are working with The Ohio State University City & Regional Planning program students on a studio project studying a segment of the southeast corridor along Parsons Avenue. MORPC will provide data, information, and input toward the students' development of “user personas” of individuals who may live or work along the corridor.

Technical Assistance Program (TAP) Team members met with all five TAP communities for initial project scoping in January. Team Members will refine anticipated deliverables, activities, and timelines before finalizing with the communities and beginning work on project deliverables.

The Spring insight2050 Academy, co-sponsored by the OSU Knowlton School Alumni Society, is scheduled for the mornings of April 3, 10, and 17 at MORPC. The topic is Affordable Housing and Design, aimed at architects, planners, and other design practitioners who will work in teams to develop design solutions.

Team Members hosted an Active Transportation Academy on Vision Zero Planning through the Ohio Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). The workshop provided attendees with the information and materials to develop Vision Zero action plans for their communities.

**Regional Housing Strategy**
Quantitative analyses for the Regional Housing Strategy project culminated in the creation of a typology framework finding similarities across communities in the 7-county study area. The framework will categorize and localize stakeholder recommendations and guide the methodology for selecting focus group audiences.

**Sustainable2050**
Congratulations to the City of Bexley, the City of Delaware and MORPC for completing their Tier Status certification process and attaining the Platinum designation.

**Central Ohio Greenways**
The Central Ohio Greenways Board welcomed new members Julie Walcoff, Leah Evans, and Bill Hebble. Team Members provided updates on MORPC’s Transportation Demand
Management Plan as well as an update on House Bill 288, which will impact eminent domain on Ohio trail projects. The Board also discussed what role it will play in the Rapid 5 project.

The Central Ohio Greenways Forum discussed updates on the Blueways and Sustaining Scioto projects and provided an opportunity for attendees to comment on the current MORPC Bicycle Level of Comfort map.

Central Ohio Water Resources Planning Team Members submitted the final Central Ohio Water Resources Plan to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review. The submission marks the end of a two-year project updating the Central Ohio 208 Plan promoting efficient and comprehensive programs for controlling water pollution from point and nonpoint sources in a defined geographic area. MORPC expects to receive continued funding from the Ohio EPA to expand the water resources planning work.

Sustaining Scioto secured funding commitments from the Cities of Columbus, Marysville, and Del-Co Water to support the Sustaining Scioto Implementation Plan.

Energy & Air Quality
The Energy & Air Quality Working Group heard a featured presentation from the City of Cincinnati on Cincinnati’s energy efficiency and renewable energy programming. Subgroups focusing on the creation of a Central Ohio Solar Toolkit and a low-cost air quality monitor program strategy are kicking off January 30 and February 6, respectively.

Buildings enrolled in the Local Government Energy Partnership enrollment showed an improvement in energy consumption. For buildings that qualify for an ENERGY STAR® score, participants saw an average increase of 5 points with a typical improvement of about 5% per building.

Energy use intensity (EUI), a building performance metric that measures energy consumption per square foot, also improved. The average EUI improved by 4 kBtu per square foot, an average improvement of roughly 4% per building. Savings are likely attributable to a raising of consciousness surrounding energy consumption and the identification of energy saving opportunities.

The Regional Energy Dashboard was released for public viewing and can be found via the MORPC website. Current monthly data are provided for ENERGY STAR scores, carbon emissions, renewable energy capacity and alternative fuel vehicles being used in local government fleets.

The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group, a collaboration between the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC), is guiding the development of a Sustainability Dashboard, with technical support from CURA at OSU. This public facing dashboard will display dynamic information and serve as the reporting tool for the Regional Sustainability Agenda. The working group is focused on the development and operational side of the dashboard led by CURA and making recommendations on the challenging data and metrics. The working group conducted the first round of beta testing in January and the full RDAC and SAC will also have the chance to test the dashboard. The working group will continue to meet monthly through the anticipated completion in spring of 2020.
Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) and Working Groups  
The Regional Data Advisory Committee discussed ongoing census efforts, public policy, and heard reports from the four working groups. The Committee also expressed its gratitude to Mayor Tom Kneeland, the RDAC’s outgoing Chair.


The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Working Group finalized details for the kickoff meeting of the user group – the Regional Information & Data Group. The kickoff user group met January 29.

The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group created a subgroup to concentrate on broadband items. The Working Group meets again February 28 to discuss the progress of the subgroup and progress in fiber mapping.

Smart Region Task Force  
The Smart Region Task Force discussed the status of the Task Force’s final deliverable, the Smart Region Resource Guide.

Team Members presented at the Logan County Economic Development Day regarding Insight 2050 efforts, expected growth and the corresponding challenges that will impact Logan County.

The Local Government Subcommittee of the Complete Count Committee discussed the Subcommittee’s Draft Work Plan and Census hiring efforts. The Subcommittee meets again mid-February. Team Members presented to the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (COMMA) regarding Census outreach by local governments.

Alliance for the American Dream (AAD)  
Team Members presented to the leadership team for the Alliance for the American Dream grant. The Alliance for the American Dream is a project designed to reduce inequality and relieve poverty in the United States. Organizations are competing for $25,000 - $1,000,000 in grants.

Team Members provided data for the development of a performing arts facility in Fairfield County feasibility study.

Housing  
The Franklin County Urgent Needs (FCUN 2018) program is near 75% completed. The FCUN 2019 program is in the beginning stages of applications and inspections. Eight projects are identified.

COCIC & Milo Grogan programs are complete and final invoices are in process.

Marketing & Outreach Intake Team Members continue to work on partnerships with Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, Homes on the Hill, and Creative Housing in order to increase weatherization referrals.

The WarmChoice production is steady with 460 inspections and 410 completions. The new program year for WarmChoice has five completions as of January 2. Initial inspections are low due to few applications approved and processed forward for scheduling. This will have an effect late in the first quarter or early in the second quarter of this year.
HWAP production is progressing as expected and stable in keeping with the YTD and monthly goals. The HWAP Administrative Monitoring exit interview indicated a favorable report.

The AEP/EPP annual goals are set, internal goal of 1,200 for the year. Moving forward, Residential Services will be working on one baseload program with AEP.

**Membership Services**
The Summer Internship Program is wrapping up placement of summer interns with member agencies.

**Member Forums and Events**
- Completed member visits with Johnstown & Truro Townships, Bellefontaine, Marysville, Logan County, Shawnee Hills, Liberty Township & Upper Arlington
- Conducted Regional Collaboration Southeast – 30 participants
- Conducted “Emerging Trends for Central Ohio Governments.” 30 participants
- Held 5G webinar forum – 83 registered
- Conducted Regional Collaboration Northwest at Washington Township– 40 participants

**State of the Region**
MORPC will host the State of the Region on Thursday, April 30, 2020, in the Battelle Grand North Ballroom at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Registration is open and details can be found at [www.morpc.org/sotr](http://www.morpc.org/sotr).

More MORPC News is at the following link: [https://www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews](https://www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews)

**Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP)**
The Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) for 2020 was approved by ODOT. The fringe rate is 61% of direct labor costs and the overhead rate is 59% of direct labor and fringe costs.

**Information Technology Updates**
The Information Technology Services Team focused on the following projects and tasks:
- Collect, prioritize, and arrange departmental technical needs to complete project planning for 2020. ITS will use this project plan to budget, schedule and allocate IT staff and resources.
- Completed configuration to manage three new network switches at cloud management console to be installed and activated in February.
- Communicate with all departments and users to adopt Microsoft Teams to be centralized communication and collaboration service.
- As part of cyber security training program, ITS continues to perform an automated training program. Current rate of those prone to phish dropped down to 0% in January.
- Updating 44 Windows Servers to newer Windows Server versions.
- Continue to apply Windows security updates automatically to user end units, and manually manage feature updates and drivers to the latest versions.

**Personnel Updates**
MORPC is currently accepting application for the following positions:
- Associate Planner/Engineer/Modeler
- Customer Service Representative
- Agency-wide Administrative Assistant
MORPC is currently interviewing or in the process of extending offers of employment for the following positions:

- Diversity Inclusion & Engagement Officer
- Client Service Specialist

Requirements for posted positions are available for review on MORPC’s website at http://www.morpc.org/careers/.

RFP/RFQ Postings

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

- 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/.
Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
      Executive Director

DATE: February 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 01-20: “Accepting the City of Chillicothe as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

On January 28, 2020, the City Council of the City of Chillicothe approved a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). The attached resolution accepts the City of Chillicothe 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 the City of Chillicothe will be assessed at pro-rated rate of $7,434 (for 11 of 12 months at $8,110).

Attachment: Resolution 01-20
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WHEREAS, the City of Chillicothe 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, the City of Chillicothe 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, the City of Chillicothe will be assessed dues based on the 2020 population projection; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2020, the City Council of the City of Chillicothe 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 the City of Chillicothe is accepted as a member of MORPC effective February 13, 2020.

Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that two (2) representatives appointed by the City of Chillicothe are eligible to serve as voting members on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.

Section 3. That annual 2020 dues of $8,110 will be pro-rated to $7,434 based on the date of membership (February 13, 2020).

Section 4. That the City of Chillicothe shall be entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the City 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.

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Rory McGuiness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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Rory McGuiness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Effective date: February 13, 2020
Submitted by: William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by: Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Coordinator
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: February 13, 2019
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
  Thea Walsh reported MORPC is advancing corridor concepts from insight2050. Team Members applied for a U.S. EPA grant for brownfield assessments along the corridors. Team Members are also working with the City of Columbus, COTA, OSU, and others on the Northwest Corridor Study which is the last study we do before we apply for federal funds.

  Team Members met with all the study funders of the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative to share study findings with them and to get their final comments. Funders
include City of Columbus, Union County, City of Marysville, and City of Dublin. The study will be complete in January.

Team Members applied for a Federal Railroad Administration grant for preliminary engineering of the hyperloop corridor between John Glenn Columbus International Airport and the City of Dublin.

Virgin Hyperloop One released an RFP for a certification site. The certification site is a testing facility like the Transportation Research Center (TRC) for hyperloop use. Team Members are working with Jobs Ohio and ODOT on the proposal. Thank you to those who provided support letters.

The quarterly TIP amendment on the consent agenda has a lot of good news. COTA and Delaware County Transit Board (DCTB) are receiving funds from the general fund transit dollars - $5 million to COTA and $800,000 to DCTB. Union County received about $80,000 from the same fund. Two million dollars are set aside for a study of the Big Walnut interchange. ODOT District 6 has a number of interstate projects with additions.

**Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**

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

**Technical Assistance Program** – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Sustainability Director

Kerstin Carr gave an update on the insight2050 Technical Assistance Program. Due to the success of the insight2050 Technical Assistance Program Pilot last year, MORPC worked to make the program permanent. The program follows the insight2050 Principles. The application round was opened in the summer. The 2020 Technical Assistance Program awardees are:

- City of Hilliard – Cemetery Road Conceptual Development Framework Project
- Franklin County – Complete Streets Project
- Jefferson Township – Blacklick Station Conceptual Development Framework Project
- City of Westerville – Cleveland Avenue Corridor Project
- City of Columbus – Speed Management Framework Project

**2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update** – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Director

Thea Walsh reported MORPC continues to work on 2020-2050 MTP strategies. Team Members are completing the financial forecast and fiscal analysis. Community meetings continue culminating in a February 26 Open House. The public comment period ends early April.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
    Transportation Advisory Committee
    Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea J. Walsh, Director
    Transportation Systems & Funding

DATE: February 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-1-20: "Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures’ Targets"

Performance measures were an important element of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and continues in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST-Act) the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC’s transportation planning process must comply. The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) completed the rulemaking process in 2017 to establish the specific performance measures across three areas and how they would be implemented with targets.

With regard to safety, the final rules established an annual deadline of August 31 each year for states to set targets for the five safety performance measures. The five measures are:

- number of fatalities
- number of serious injuries
- number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries
- fatality rate
- serious injury rate

In August 2019 ODOT established their annual safety statewide targets as a 2% annual reduction for each of the five measures. This was based on many factors, including a review of recent trends in safety statistics and increased emphasis to provide resources for safety activities. These are targets MORPC can support and work with ODOT to accomplish.

Each MPO is then required to annually establish targets by February 27 each year. Resolution T-1-20 is to explicitly meet the federal planning regulations to establish safety performance measures for the MPO area.

MORPC was a leader in the country when performance measures were incorporated into the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in 2012. In preparation for the 2020-2050 MTP to be adopted in May, performance measures were reestablished via resolution T-14-18.

Attachment: Resolution T-1-20
RESOLUTION T-1-20

“Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures’ Targets”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST-Act) is the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC’s transportation planning must comply, including development of a metropolitan transportation plan including performance measures; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is preparing the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which will include performance measures, including safety targets, which were adopted via Resolution T-14-18; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. DOT completed the rule-making process for incorporating performance measures in metropolitan transportation plans, which includes state and MPO adoption of performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the final U.S. DOT rules required the states to set targets for five safety performance measures (number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries) annually by August 31 each year, and that MPOs set targets for the five measures annually by February 27 each year; and

WHEREAS, in August 2019 ODOT established a 2% annual reduction as the statewide target for each of the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, targets established by ODOT are within the targets established via Resolution T-14-18 to be included in the 2020-2050 MTP for the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its February 3, 2020 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its February 5, 2020 meeting recommended approval of this resolution; now therefore
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1. That it supports ODOT’s safety targets established in August 2019.

Section 2. That it will plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the safety targets.

Section 4. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Rory McGuinness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff
Meeting Called to Order – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair
Chair Rory McGuiness called the Commission meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chair McGuiness wished everyone a happy holiday.

Chair McGuiness appointed the following Nominating Committee:
- Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator for Franklin County, Nominating Committee Chair
- Mike Schadek, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, City of Columbus
- Jeff Benton, Commissioner, Delaware County
- Nancy White, Administrator, Mifflin Township
- Bonnie Michael, City Council President, City of Worthington

Roby Schottke made a motion to confirm the appointment of the Nominating Committee members, second by Karl Craven; motion passed.
Chair McGuinness thanked Eileen Leuby for organizing the Emerging Trends event that met prior to the Commission meeting.


One MORPC One Voice: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – Shelly Beiting, Columbus Women’s Commission Executive Director
The Columbus Women’s Commission started three years ago with the leadership of Mayor Ginther and the passion of Shannon Ginther to look at women’s economic security. The work of the Women’s Commission is twofold: to raise awareness about women’s issues in Columbus and use that to drive policy change. The Commission is working in four specific areas: (1) gender equity in the workplace; (2) evictions; (3) skilled trades as a career pipeline for women; and (4) health.

Nationally, women earn $.80 for every $1.00 a man earns. Locally, it’s $.78 for every $1.00. The figures are worse for women of color. Two years ago, the Columbus Women’s Commission launched the Columbus Commitment – How to Achieve Pay Equity. The commitment is a voluntary pledge for employers in the region to look at their practices. To date, 239 employers in the region have signed the pledge. Once you sign the pledge you are looped into a community of learning. Their [website](http://example.com) has a list of those who have signed. Ms. Beiting thanked those in the room who have already signed: MORPC, Franklin County, the City of Columbus, and the City of Upper Arlington.

Eviction prevention keeps families in their homes and stabilizes housing. In Franklin County most evictions are on women and women of color. In our community, there are over 17,000 eviction complaints, close to 9,000 eviction judgements, and close to 6,000 setouts per year. This past year the Women’s Commission looked at the issue from a public policy lens. In August five policy changes were passed looking at everything from court navigation services, summon changes, filing fees, etc. The Women’s Commission is committed to continue this work and stands beside MORPC’s work on housing.

The Women’s Commission is looking at raising awareness of the low representation of women in the skilled trades. While the earnings are equitable, the Commission needs to make certain the environment of the trades is equitable.

The Women’s Commission is also focusing on teen health education. Ohio is the only state that does not have state health education standards for schools.

Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
William Murdock thanked Ms. Beiting for coming today. MORPC was an early signer of the Columbus Commitment. Mr. Murdock encouraged other communities to join the commitment.

The listing for MORPC’s Diversity & Inclusion Officer is being posted. Please contact Mr. Murdock or Niel Jurist if you have a recommendation for the position.

Proposed Resolution 18-19 on the consent agenda renews the unified date for trick-or-treat resolution previously passed by the Commission.
Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) Outgoing Chair Tom Kneeland is not able to be here today but sent his regards. Mr. Murdock is grateful for Mayor Kneeland’s leadership on the RDAC. Brad Ebersole from Delaware County is the new RDAC Chair.

While MORPC is not leading an official delegation to the Consumer Electronic Show, the largest show internationally regarding smart mobility, a few people from the region are going. If you are interested in attending, there may be an opportunity to visit the DevLoop sight with Hyperloop One.

Mr. Murdock reported strategic planning has begun for next year and includes several initiatives: Sustaining Scioto, Ohio University partnership, Smart Columbus, and a new project announced by ULI Columbus last week, Rapid 5. Rapid 5 is an effort to look at the core of the regional bike system. You will hear more as we learn more.

The 2020 State of the Region is April 30 at the Convention Center. Mr. Murdock asked members to reserve the date on their calendars. Award nominations are open. Members will receive information and a request for nominations in early January.

The Mid-Ohio Finance Administrators (MOFA) meet regularly to share best practices. MORPC’s Finance Director Susan Tsen secured OPERS Executive Director Karen Carraher to give an update on OPERS changes at the January 28 MOFA meeting. The meeting is open to anyone. Detailed information will be sent to Commission members.

Copies of the 2020 MORPC Meeting Schedule were provided at the tables.

Upcoming events include:
- Preparing for 5G – Thursday, January 9, 11:45 a.m., MORPC
- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) – Wednesday, February 5, 11:45 a.m., MORPC

Mr. Murdock recognized and thanked outgoing Commission members for their service:
- Carolyn Casper, City of Upper Arlington
- Lynn Eisentrout, Village of Minerva Park
- Marsha Hall, City of Groveport
- Jeff Harris, Knox County
- Tom Kneeland, City of Gahanna
- Steve Lutz, City of Powell
- Ronald Rhodes, Jerome Township
- Don Schonhardt, City of Hilliard
- Joe Taylor, Village of Lithopolis

Proposed Resolution 19-19: “Accepting the Village of Gambier as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
Bill Habig made a motion to approve Resolution 19-19, a second was made; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 20-19: “Acceptance of the Fiscal Budget and Fund Account Appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director and Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler presented the 2020 Budget. The Executive Committee guides MORPC on our budget. They are sending the budget to the Commission for your review and approval. The 2020 budget is robust and strong but tighter than in recent years. The agency’s approach to the budget includes continued focus on long-term stability and success; delivering a strong return on investment for local government members; maintaining MORPC values; and aligning the budget to regional and agency strategic priorities.

To navigate the tightness and position MORPC for the future several positions were reduced. This was accomplished through realigning administrative functions in the agency and through reduced position count, most through attrition. We are moving forward with the office and meeting upgrades. We will monitor to make sure our assumptions are correct and will come back with a revised budget mid-year based on the success of our initiatives. The budget reflects the strategic priorities you set as a region.

The total 2020 budget is $18 million, $1 million less than 2019. Federal funding is consistently our largest funding source. Salaries and benefits make up 44.3 percent of the agency budget. This is down from 46.3 percent in 2019. This is due to no budgeted wage adjustments this year, no increase in benefit costs, and a decrease from last year’s budgeted positions by 7.8 FTE.

Over half of Members Dues are used for services to members. A quarter of Members Dues is used for match. The proposed resolution approves the budget and then the appropriations and transfers. The appropriations and transfers mirror the agency expenses and are the same amounts as last year.

Mr. Hufstedler thanked MORPC Finance Director & Assistant Director of Operations Susan Tsen and MORPC Accountant Betsy Hunkar for their work on the budget.

Bill LaFayette made a motion to approve resolution 20-19, second by Carolyn Casper; motion passed.

Regional Housing Strategy Update – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Sustainability Director

Kerstin Carr presented a Project Update on the Regional Housing Strategy. The Regional Housing Strategy began earlier this year to develop a framework to address impediments to affordable housing. As suggested by a BIA study, there is a substantial gap between available housing and needed housing. A consultant team led by Enterprise Community Partners, based out of Washington, DC, was hired and brought together a team of local partners.

MORPC’s Planning & Sustainability and Data & Mapping Teams are collecting data and putting it into one place and discovering data gaps. The consultant conducted a community survey with one thousand respondents. The consultant also surveyed developers. While survey data is still being analyzed, preliminary findings include:

- Location of homes matters to residents – housing should be safe and near good schools, shopping and other amenities.
• It is increasingly difficult to become a homeowner in Central Ohio, especially if you are a person of color.
• Impediments to developing more housing include politics, policies and neighborhood perception, financing & access to debt, as well as labor and materials costs.

The next step is to dive deeper into the findings with project sponsors, the community, and the 50+ member advisory board.

A focus group of superintendents across Central Ohio met yesterday to discuss the importance of including schools at the table when talking about growth and development in your community. If you are aware of a specific audience that should be included in a focus group, contact Dr. Carr, MORPC’s Principal Planner and Project Lead Jen Noll, or MORPC’s Communications & Engagement Director Niel Jurist.

The Speaker Series begins tomorrow with a Housing Conversation on the impact of segregation on housing with YWCA President and CEO Christie Angel and UWCO Senior Vice President of Community Impact Michael Wilkos.

The next stakeholder meeting is in February. They will start looking at recommendations and identifying priorities.

Chair McGuiness thanked Dr. Carr for her work on the project.

Committees

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity, MORPC Government Affairs Director

Joe Garrity presented the Regional Policy Roundtable Update giving an overview of the work the Regional Policy Roundtable was involved in this year. The roundtable will be updating the Public Policy Agenda in 2020. All MORPC advocacy work is done through the Public Policy Agenda. Let Mr. Garrity know if you are interested in serving on the Public Policy Agenda Working Group.

• 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 following:
  o HB 242 & SB 222 – Taxes or Bans on Plastic Bags
  o HB 13 – Broadband Expansion
  o State Capital Budget
  o MORPC Congressional Meetings February 2020

Mr. Tugend shared two staffing developments at Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter. Lloyd Pierre-Louis, who served as Mr. Tugend’s partner, has moved to a different firm. David Ingram, State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Executive Director and Mike Culp, Chief of Staff for the City of Parma, are joining the firm.

Chair McGuiness thanked Mayor Maggard, Ben Collins, Joe Garrity and Steve Tugend for the work they did on legislative and government affairs this year.

See the December 2019 Monthly Legislative Update for other legislative news.
**Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
Jim Schimmer gave the Sustainability Advisory Committee Report. Today MORPC released the annual Air Quality Report for November 2018-October 2019. The report shows a trend of improved air quality in Central Ohio. July 15 was the only bad air day for ozone. This is the first time in 20 years with only one day when air pollution levels reached unhealthy for sensitive groups and there were no days when particle pollution reached unhealthy levels.

The Regional Sustainability Dashboard is a collaboration with MORPC’s Sustainability Advisory and Regional Data Advisory Committees and CURA at the Ohio State University. The public facing dashboard will show progress towards the Regional Sustainability Agenda.

MORPC’s Local Government Energy Partnership offers a free energy benchmarking program to help members keep track of their energy consumption. This is a first step in identifying cost-effective solutions. Every three months, MORPC hosts a workshop for participants. If you are interested in joining the program, contact MORPC Senior Energy Planner Jon-Paul d’Aversa.

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting is December 18 to consider Sustainable2050 tier status certifications. A priority for the SAC next year is updating the Regional Sustainability Agenda.

**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 2:55 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

**Commission Consent Agenda**
Roby Schottke made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

**Other Business**
William Murdock reminded Commission members there is no January Commission meeting.

Bill LaFayette announced he will be presenting his 21st Economic Forecast for Central Ohio at the January 8 CMC Forum.

Thea Walsh encouraged Commission members to learn more about Hyperloop at the Hyperloop Touch Table in the lobby on loan to MORPC from Smart Columbus.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.