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Thursday, April 9, 2020
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

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

2. Welcome and Introductions – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair
   • Nominating Committee Report – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Secretary
   • Election of Officers and Executive Committee – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair

3. Community Health Crisis

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

5. Proposed Resolution 04-20: “Accepting the Village of Granville as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
2:00 p.m.  Committees

6. Regional Data Advisory Committee – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair
   • Census – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director
   • Paving the Way – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director

7. 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

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

2:30 p.m.

9. Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
   a. Call to Order – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
   b. Metropolitan Planning Organization Report
      • Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Walsh, Director
   c. Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda
      1) Approval of March 12, 2020 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
      2) Proposed Resolution T-5-20: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program”
   d. Draft 2021 Planning Work Program – 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) – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

10. Commission Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of March 12, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes
   b. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

11. Other Business

3:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), 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 14, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
Memorandum

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

FROM: Erik Janas, Nominating Committee Chair

DATE: April 9, 2020

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 December 12, 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
- Jeff Benton, Delaware County
- Mike Schadek, City of Columbus
- Bonnie Michael, City of Worthington
- Nancy White, Mifflin 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:** Rory McGuiness, (2012) City of Columbus
2) **For second year of two-year renewal 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 second year of first two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2021)**
   a) Jeff Benton (2019), Commissioner, Delaware County

Nominating Committee Recommendations:
The Nominating Committee convened on January 30, February 4, and February 7 and made the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions, which will be reported at the March 12, 2020 Commission meeting and considered at the April 9, 2020 Commission meeting:

The nominees for Officers for renewed one-year Officer Terms (expires 2021)
- **Chair:** Karen Angelou, Council Member, City of Gahanna
- **Vice-Chair:** Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator
- **Secretary:** Chris Amorose Groomes, Mayor, City of Dublin

The nominees for Executive Committee are:

1) **For renewal of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2021)**
   a) Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, City Manager, City of New Albany
   b) Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard
   c) David Scheffler, Mayor, City of Lancaster

2) **Members for renewal of two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2022):**
   a) Karen Angelou (2014), Council Member, City of Gahanna
   b) Nancy White (2017), Administrator, Mifflin Township
   c) Greg Lestini (2018), Bricker & Eckler LLP, Attorney, Franklin County representative
   d) Franklin Christman (2018), Administrator, Village of Ashville
   e) Chris Amorose Groomes (2018), Mayor, City of Dublin

**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.
Preparations and Management During COVID-19

In preparing for the COVID-19 crisis, MORPC put its IT Business Continuity Plan in place; trained MORPC Team Members on Microsoft Teams; stocked up on health and office cleaning products; worked with property management to ensure continuity of services; and continually monitors CDC and other sources for the latest information.

MORPC conducted a successful remote-work test Friday, March 13. Updates for Team Members are posted regularly on MORPC’s intranet. All Team Members are now working from home with occasional and limited exceptions for Essential personnel to perform some duties in the office. MORPC meetings were moved to remote options using Microsoft Teams or rescheduled to a later date. MORPC restricted travel to conferences and large trainings, with any exception requests to be handled on a case-by-case basis. No exceptions have been requested or authorized to date.

Several internal processes were moved to electronic processes, including invoice approval on the first day of work from home (WFH). Several processes were already web-based, such as our timekeeping and purchase order system.

Information Technology Updates

As part of the COVID-19 preparation, the IT Team provided every MORPC employee with a laptop and remote capabilities to safely access the network. A few issues were encountered and resolved during implementation and initial remote working by staff.

The IT Team previously implemented Microsoft Teams and was able to quickly provide additional conference calling capabilities to the entire MORPC Team. Enhanced remote access was enabled for the GIS Team to have adequate ‘computing power’ available.

Website

The Communications & Engagement and Data & Mapping Teams launched a web page to provide tools and resources to MORPC members related to community services and operations during COVID-19. You may access these tools at www.morpc.org/covid19.
Membership Services coordinated weekly forums for Central Ohio Local Governments to learn about their concerns, available resources and compiled best practices to share on MORPC’s COVID-19 Dashboard.

Regional Policy Roundtable
The Regional Policy Roundtable convened a special call on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 to inform members on federal stimulus and state emergency measures that were passed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Events
The 2020 State of the Region is postponed due to increasing concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). In accordance with guidance from health professionals and Governor DeWine, MORPC is taking proactive measures to ensure the safety of our community. One of the best ways to keep from transmitting COVID-19 is to minimize the circumstances in which people interact. More details will be provided in the coming weeks. To stay up to date visit www.morpc.org/sotr.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
The successful MTP open house on February 26 had over 60 people in attendance. The MORPC MTP team also completed the last of their visits to local communities and groups to share information on the MTP. Over 60 presentations were made throughout the region. The draft MTP document was also made available for public comment. The draft is available on MORPC’s website, www.morpc.org/mtp2050; hard copies are available upon request. Comments are being accepted through April 13.

MORPC Team Members hosted a Virtual Open House to Discuss 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and the CORPO Transportation Improvement program March 31. The open house provided members of the media and the public an opportunity to preview aspects of the draft 2021-2024 TIP and provide comments. Questions regarding the project were sent to tip@morpc.org prior to the formal presentation and questions were submitted during the presentation via the chat/comment feature.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a schedule of transportation improvement projects important to the MORPC transportation planning area of: Delaware and Franklin counties; Bloom and Violet townships in Fairfield County; New Albany, Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County; and Jerome Township in Union County. Approximately $1.9 billion in federal, state and local funds will be used between July 2021 and June 2024.

The TIP shows transportation improvements such as highway, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, bridge and other projects that have undergone a federally required air quality conformity analysis. The TIP also includes engineering studies expected to lead to construction in later years. This process also is being used to meet the public participation requirements for the Central Ohio Transit Authority’s (COTA’s) and Delaware County Transit’s programs of projects. Team Members worked together answering questions from the public on both the TIP and the CORPO TIP. The draft TIP is available on MORPC’s website at morpc.org/tip.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services
Team Members communicated with 5310 Designated Recipients, Delaware County Transit, COTA, and mobility managers in Central Ohio, to plan and conduct a peer exchange. At the peer exchange, the groups will map challenges and priorities to be considered with the new Mobility Management program.
Gohio
Team Members and Encova staff are working to start an Encova sustainable transportation incentive program on the Gohio Commute platform. Encova employees will earn rewards for using a sustainable way to work. The pilot will run through the year 2020 and may be expanded outside of Columbus in following years.

MORPC met with Abercrombie and Fitch (A&F) to explore the option of starting a carpool program for Central Ohio associates via the Gohio Commute platform. Conversations have temporarily been put on hold during the COVID-19 crisis.

Team Members worked on preservation of MORPC’s Gohio Commute vanpools during the COVID-19 crisis. Staff reached out to each vanpool group to assess their needs. Staff worked with our vanpool provider to provide special incentives for groups that needed to temporarily suspend service during their mandated telework. The majority of the vanpool fleet is still in operation due to mission essential jobs.

Team Members centralized a web location for all mobility provider updates in response to COVID-19. The web page includes service changes and additional support that providers are implementing for the community. Team Members are coordinating with local government and mobility providers to adjust TDM initiatives for the year in response to COVID-19.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
Team Members emailed CORPO members asking them to review the TIP draft and submit any additions by March 25.

MORPC is hosting virtual county-level subcommittee meetings between the end of March and early April.

Infrastructure Funding
The Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds were adopted during the March meeting cycle. The attributable funds workshop is June 3. Updates to previous funding commitments are due July 10, and screening applications for new projects are due July 17.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) reviewed the policies and criteria for Round 35 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 deadline was delayed from March 20 to March 27 to give applicants more time to complete the applications because of disruptions caused by the pandemic.

Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (FCTID)
MORPC is working to develop strategies for the FCTID to continue conducting business. The March 26 TID meeting is delayed until April 2. MORPC is collaborating with the Franklin County Engineer’s Office and local jurisdictions across Franklin County to increase awareness about the FCTID and encourage collaboration between all the different entities which strive to advance transportation projects in Franklin County.
Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)
Ice Miller continues to collaborate with MORPC to develop a final report summarizing the findings from six workshops which engaged stakeholders from nine different CAP projects. This final report should be available by the end of April and will provide examples of funding strategies which can be used to advance projects across the region.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) and Working Groups
The RDAC discussed the status of the Regional Housing Strategy, regional growth, ongoing census efforts, public policy, and status of the work of the four working groups.

Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit Working Group members plan to have the Survey ready for distribution to local governments in Quarter 2 2020 and met remotely March 31.

Smart Region Task Force
The Smart Region Task Force will meet to review the Task Force’s final deliverable, the Smart Region Resource Guide.

Census
The Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee Local Government Subcommittee met remotely March 4 and March 18 to discuss the impact of COVID-19, and ways to increase outreach to residents. The Subcommittee meets again remotely April 1.

Data and Mapping Outreach and Collaboration
Team Members are working to focus on COVID-19 response and resources.

Team Members continue their work to join the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP) with OSU CURA. MORPC and CURA staff met with NNIP representatives on February 27.

Active Transportation Planning
Team Members are working to revise the Complete Streets Policy based on feedback received from the Steering Committee. The next Steering Committee meeting is postponed until further notice due to current events, but completion of the policy update is still anticipated to occur by the end of 2020.

Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG)
Team Members are working to draft an action plan to guide the ATWG for 2020 and beyond. This action plan will be reviewed with members at the next meeting, scheduled for April 22.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Count
Team Members are processing trail count data from 2019 and are preparing for the upcoming volunteer counts in May, as well as short-duration count efforts that will occur throughout the summer. Team Members are also working with member jurisdictions to provide count equipment training opportunities and to loan out count equipment for members to conduct their own bike/ped counts.

insight2050
MORPC is coordinating with the City of Columbus, COTA and other partners on a Northwest Corridor feasibility study. Team Members continue to assist OSU City & Regional Planning students on a studio project assessing growth, development and mobility potential along a segment of the Southeast Corridor.
Technical Assistance Program (TAP)
Team Members are developing a report of best practices and case studies for Jefferson Township and the City of Hilliard. Topics include transportation, design, development, and funding. Team Members are working with the Franklin County Engineer’s Office to coordinate walk and bike audits for the County’s Complete Streets Policy project.

Academy
The Spring insight2050 Academy is postponed. MORPC remains committed to rescheduling this program at a later date.

Regional Housing Strategy
MORPC and the project team hosted the first joint strategy session for a collaborative working meeting. Participants elevated the guiding principles and prioritized among a menu of over 100 potential actions the region could take to address housing supply and affordability. Focus groups and workshops are postponed and will be rescheduled.

Sustainable2050
The Q1 meeting was adapted to a webinar format to allow members to participate off-site. Structured around the topic of Natural Resources, the webinar featured a presentation from Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District, and updates on the City of Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan and the COG/ULI Columbus Rapid 5 initiative. Members are encouraged to submit their Tier Status certification workbooks for review and certification in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, taking place April 22.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board
The COG Board met remotely and welcomed new board member Al Obayuwana, Vice President of Youth & Community Development – YMCA of Central Ohio. The board also adopted updated COG Definitions. The updated COG Definitions clarified what types of proposed and existing trails can be added to the Regional Trail Vision, the types of projects that COG supports, and a process for annually updating the COG Regional Trail Vision. The COG Working Group Chairs provided updates on working group projects.

Marketing & Communications Working Group developed a “Taste of the Trails” event toolkit to support communities in efforts to publicly celebrate trails in their communities. The toolkit includes recommendations for sponsorship, media outreach, and a passport activity. The events are aimed to deepen Central Ohioans’ sense of community pride by celebrating unique local, natural, and cultural assets. The working group is currently supporting communities including Licking County, City of Columbus, Delaware County, and Metro Parks on Taste of the Trails Events planned for 2020. The group plans to discuss how these events can be modified to accommodate social distancing.

Operations & Access Working Group is developing a project proposal for a trail lighting microgrid. The goal of the project is to use a solar microgrid to support trail lighting along a portion of the Camp Chase Trail on the westside of Columbus. The energy generated from the microgrid would typically be used for trail lighting, but in the event of a disaster, the energy could be diverted to emergency shelters near the trail at the Hilltop YMCA, various schools, and community centers. This project is currently unfunded, and the group is seeking funding and sponsorship. AEP has expressed some interest in the project concept.

The Partnership Working Group in coordination with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) is developing a project scope for a project called “Rapid 5.” This greenspace framework will explore opportunities to take advantage of the greenspace along the region’s five waterways to develop
a fully connected network of greenspace for recreation and active transportation. COG’s planned “Impacts of Trails Study” will be folded into this Rapid 5 scope. ULI is currently fundraising for this project.

**Sustaining Scioto**
Team Members identified the majority of the membership for the newly formed Sustaining Scioto Board and scheduled the first meeting on April 29. The Team is working on building relationships with stakeholders in the rural areas to the north of Franklin County and working with partners to identify additional stakeholders. A board factsheet, by-laws, and other materials are under development. The Team is currently focused on developing a funding proposal to create a smart water quality monitoring network for real-time measurement of water quality in the Upper Scioto watershed. The Team developed a detailed work plan with some key deliverables for 2020.

**Air Quality Marketing and Outreach**
Air Quality Awareness Week is May 4-8. Team Members developed a set of themes for social media posts (one per work day) under the national theme of Better Air, Better Health! The summertime ozone awareness campaign is proceeding with a contract renewal with a marketing vendor. Health and demographic data will be used to target vulnerable communities for marketing.

The Solar Toolkit Subgroup has developed an online version of the toolkit and is currently beta-testing its intuitiveness and value with stakeholders. After input is received, the toolkit will move to the MORPC website for hosting, while additional components are developed.

**Local Government Energy Partnership**
Energy Academy Session 1 was delivered in-person and online via Teams to twenty-seven government members, associate members, and community partners. The session covered national, state, and regional energy items, as well as how to develop an internal energy team to pursue energy projects within government operations and the community. The next session is June 10 and will cover equity and health issues related to energy consumption in communities.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)**
The SAC will meet April 15 in a webinar format using Microsoft Teams. Justin Milam, with City of Upper Arlington, will chair the Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) subcommittee to update the RSA goals and objectives. The subcommittee formation is in process and the first meeting is expected in early April.

The Regional Sustainability Dashboard Working Group receives project management, data resources, and hosts the monthly Dashboard Working Group meetings. The Team is working on plans for the launch in early June. CURA at The Ohio State University is providing the resources to develop this online dashboard to report on the Regional Sustainability Agenda goals.

The **Franklin County Urgent Needs (FCUN) 2018** program is on hold for production at this time due to COVID-19 health concerns. To date, twenty projects are complete; two are pending final payment. Six projects were stopped in production; two projects are in production; and two projects are going out to bid. Team Members are currently wrapping up draw payments and final payments of projects as they stand.

The **Franklin County Urgent Needs (FCUN) 2019** program completed several inspections prior to the halt of inspections. Team Members are currently working on the work specs for these projects and will put these out to bid at this time.
The COCIC home repair program was given approval to add one or two additional projects to the prior funding round to utilize remaining funds. These projects are on hold. Funding for the 2020 program year was received. Team Members are working on specs for the first few projects as they will be coordinated with the FCUN 2019 projects that were inspected.

WarmChoice
WarmChoice finished with 90 units in 20 days worked this month prior to shut down due to the COVID-19 virus. All invoicing will be input for processing by Monday, March 30.

HWAP
All HWAP administration work is proceeding accordingly. Inspections and work have stopped due to COVID-19. An extension was requested on the administrative monitor response due to the planned virus precaution policies. Team Members are working on the HWAP waitlist over the next weeks, as well as any other HWAP required information.

IMPACT Partnership is postponed for the duration of the pandemic.

Personnel Updates
The following new Team Member recently started at MORPC:
- Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Officer Ralonda Hampton began March 16

MORPC will bring on the following positions in the near future:
- Agency-Wide Administrative Assistant
- Residential Services Intake

MORPC is currently accepting applications for the following positions:
- Economic Development & Infrastructure Officer
- Transportation & Infrastructure Intern

MORPC is currently interviewing or in the process of extending offers of employment for the following positions
- Associate Planner/Engineer/Modeler
- Associate GIS 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:
- Affordable Housing Federal Home Loan Bank Grant Consultant (Closed March 21)
- Gohio Advertising Campaign (Closed March 20)
- 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/

Presentations & Outreach
Team Members completed scheduling and participating in community presentations related to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan with the last few being canceled due to COVID-19. These communities were provided with the presentation and explanation so that they could comment.
Team Members disseminated postcards to 2,400 businesses, community groups, libraries and houses of worship, as well as through web and social media for the Transportation Improvement Program Open House. The virtual open house was held March 31.

MORPC in the News
Links are available on the MORPC website at https://www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews.

Member Forums and Events
MORPC hosted a training facilitated by RAMA for committee chairs and vice chairs on being an effective board member. An additional training is scheduled for Fall 2020.

Diversity & Inclusion
LGBTQIA + Cultural Competence training is postponed to the fall.
Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
      Executive Director

DATE: April 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 04-20: “Accepting the Village of Granville as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

On March 16, 2020, the Village Council of the Village of Granville approved a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). The attached resolution accepts the Village of Granville 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 Village of Granville will be assessed at pro-rated rate of $1,791 (for 9 of 12 months at $2,390).

Attachment: Resolution 04-20
RESOLUTION 04-20

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Granville 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 Village of Granville 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 Village of Granville will be assessed dues based on the 2020 population projection; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Village Council of the Village of Granville 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 Village of Granville is accepted as a member of MORPC effective April 9, 2020.

Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that one (1) representative appointed by the Village of Granville is eligible to serve as a voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.

Section 3. That annual 2020 dues of $2,390 will be pro-rated to $1,791 based on the date of membership (April 2020).

Section 4. That the Village of Granville 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.

Karen Angelou, Chair
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Resolution 04-20
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Effective date: April 9, 2020
Submitted by: William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by: Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Coordinator
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: April 9, 2020
Meeting Called to Order
Chair Rory McGuiness called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 1:58 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Transportation & Infrastructure Development** – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director
  Thea Walsh reported two INFRA proposals from Central Ohio were submitted: Columbus Crossroads and 36/37 in Delaware County.

  Proposed Resolution T-2-20 on the consent agenda allows the awarding of FTA Section 5310 funds to various providers in the region. It also provides mobility management services for Franklin County.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

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

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

Thea Walsh shared the [2020-2050 MTP Draft Strategies & Projects](#). In order to receive federal funds, projects need to be listed on the MTP. Preferences are changing. Research indicates that people of all ages want options. They want to live near places accessible by foot, bike, or transit. They also want, or need, more transit and other shared mobility services.

The regional strategies focus on two points: maintaining what we have and developing/adding infrastructure when needed. The draft projects are available for review on MORPC’s [web map](#). MORPC Team Members have presented the draft MTP to almost 60 neighborhoods/member communities since last December. The public comment period ends April 3. The plan will be presented for approval in May 2020. Maria Schaper is the MORPC Project Lead.

**Draft SFY 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director

Thea Walsh gave an update on the [Draft SFY 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program](#). It is not usual to work on the TIP and MTP in the same year. The TIP identifies funding sources for near-term priorities from the MTP. MORPC’s TIP is included in the Statewide TIP (STIP). MORPC is also developing the TIP for the Central Ohio Regional Planning Organization (CORPO). MORPC is hosting an Open House for the MORPC and CORPO TIPs. The Statewide TIP will also be available for review. The project map is available [online](#). The SFY 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program will be presented for approval in May. Nathaniel Vogt is the MORPC Project Lead.

The Planning Work Program (PWP) is a list of all the things MORPC will be doing in-house for the year. That will be brought forward for approval in May. Funding for what is happening in the PWP must be approved in the TIP.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.
Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director

DATE: April 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-5-20: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program”

Proposed Resolution T-5-20 will modify one project in the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over $55 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In April, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include this change.

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of the project, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components. Attachment 2 maps those projects with a physical location.

An explanation of the proposed change to the TIP follows.

**ODOT, District 6** has requested the following modification to the TIP:

- Increase in construction funding for widening of I-71 from the Franklin County Line to just south of SR 665, from $45,280,000 to $55,999,400 in SFY 2021.

Attachments:

- Proposed Resolution T-5-20
RESOLUTION T-5-20

“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-5-17; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), District 6 has requested the modification of one project on the 2018-2021 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the projects are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 1, 2020, recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2018-2021 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.

Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP is maintained.

Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as the projects are exempt from conformity requirements or have been included in the most recent air quality conformity approval.

Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP as modified.

Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1.

Section 6. That the Transportation Policy 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.
Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2018-2021 TIP
**Resolution T-5-20**

**Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information**

**Agency:** ODOT 6  
**PID:** 107201  
**TIP ID:** 3521  
**MTP ID:** 376  

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-IR071-0.00  
**Length (mi.):** 5.29  
**Project Type(s):** Major Widening  
**Air Quality:** System Analyzed

**Description:** I-71 from Pickaway Co Line to SR-665, Major Widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes, Major rehabilitation and widening to 3 lanes in each direction for entire length of project. Replace and widen 2 pairs of mainline structures.

**Bike Components:** No change to existing conditions.  
**Ped Components:** No change to existing conditions.

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**Grand Total:** $55,399,400

Funds in FYs prior to 2018 are not included in this report nor in the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.  
**LR = Long Range** (after SFY 2021, the last year of the TIP). LR funds are shown for information only and are not included in the TIP.  
Monday, March 30, 2020
Meeting Called to Order – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair

Chair Rory McGuiness called the Commission meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chair McGuiness welcomed everyone to the first remote Commission
Chair McGuiness applauded the MORPC Team for being proactive in their response to the public health crisis.

William Murdock shared MORPC’s plans so far. Most agency meetings through the end of April will have a remote option or will be postponed. MORPC is conducting a test Friday, March 13, to test IT capabilities. All staff will be working remotely. Mr. Murdock applauded Governor DeWine’s, Dr. Acton’s, and public health agencies for their work over the last few days. Mr. Murdock assured members that MORPC is available to help.

Nominating Committee Report – Erik Janas
Erik Janas presented the Nominating Committee Recommendations. The Nominating Committee met via conference call January 30, February 4, and February 7. Mr. Janas acknowledged the Nominating Committee members and thanked them for their work. The Nominating Committee members are Erik Janas, Chair; Jeff Benton, Delaware County; Bonnie Michael, City of Worthington; Mike Schadek, City of Columbus; and Nancy White, Mifflin Township. The Nominating Committee presents the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions to be voted on in April.

Nominees for Officers for renewed one-year Officer Terms (expires 2021):
Chair: Karen Angelou, City of Gahanna Council Member
Vice-Chair: Erik Janas, Franklin County Deputy County Administrator
Secretary: Chris Amorose Groomes, City of Dublin Mayor

Nominees for renewal of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2021):
Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, City of New Albany City Manager
Michelle Crandall, City of Hilliard City Manager
David Scheffler, City of Lancaster Mayor

Nominees for renewal of two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2022):
Karen Angelou (2014), City of Gahanna Council Member
Nancy White (2017), Mifflin Township Administrator
Greg Lestini (2018), Bricker & Eckler LLP, Attorney, Franklin County representative
Franklin Christman (2018), Village of Ashville Administrator
Chris Amorose Groomes (2018), City of Dublin Mayor

Note: The year after each name refers to the first year of the member’s current service on the Executive Committee.

Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
Mr. Murdock welcomed members to the Commission Meeting. There are a few people in person and a lot of people participating remotely. Your feedback on this meeting is important as MORPC may use this in the coming months.

The Regional Housing Strategy initiative is reviewing action items, conducting additional public input sessions, and looking at national policies. The final draft is still being targeted for May.

MORPC’s New Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Officer is starting later in March. Watch for the formal announcement.
MORPC will reschedule Community Shelter Board Executive Director Michelle Heritage to present at a future Commission meeting.

MORPC was part of today’s announcement by the City of Columbus on their Vision Zero Strategy. The strategy aligns infrastructure with the goal of zero deaths in transportation. MORPC is excited to support the strategy that looks at the system from the user’s perspective.

The State of the Region scheduled for April 30 will most likely be postponed. There is no official date yet. The keynote speaker was confirmed last week. The annual event will still occur in 2020.

MORPC’s Rural Community Focus connects different things you see around the region to our members. Five different Central Ohio Workforce Incubators are available for viewing on Facebook and YouTube. A Rural Community Development Tour is planned with Small Nation in Bellefontaine.

There are several people with different levels of expertise in new leadership positions on MORPC Committees. A few weeks ago, MORPC offered meeting facilitation training to MORPC Committee Chairs. MORPC is hoping to expand the training to members.

MORPC is engaged in moving forward SB 285 – Hands-Free Ohio Bill from Governor DeWine. MORPC is also working with communities and leaders on possible unintended consequences of the bill. The March 2020 Monthly Legislative Update was sent to members yesterday.

MORPC’s first of four Energy Academies kicked off yesterday with an option to attend remotely. The Energy Academy provides information about energy efficiency, renewable energy, financing, and alternative fuels. Thank you to AEP Ohio for supporting the Local Government Energy Partnership and the Energy Academy.

The Spring 2020 insight2050 Academy is tentatively scheduled. MORPC is looking at dates and options. The focus of this academy is the role of design in affordable housing and is aimed at design professionals. MORPC is partnering on the academy with OSU’s Knowlton School Alumni Society. MORPC will send more information as plans are solidified.

MORPC is a resource for members responding to COVID-19. Other resources include:
- Ohio Department of Health: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/
- Franklin County Public Health: https://myfcph.org/

Committees

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director
Aaron Schill reported he just received information that there is a clone of the John Hopkins University Dashboard that is a virus. Do not download anything if you are asked to do so. The actual John Hopkins Dashboard is very informative.
Mr. Schill provided a Data & Mapping Update. Census 2020 is moving full speed ahead. Invitations to participate are going out this week and will be showing up in mailboxes at any time. The code is entered online to complete the information for your household. Promotional materials are available online. The April 1 Census Day event planned at the library is on as of now, but Mr. Schill won’t be surprised if it is cancelled or postponed.

MORPC is moving toward the public launch of the redesigned Paving the Way website. Communities are getting their projects on the site. The April 15 Annual Paving the Way Meeting is an opportunity for Central Ohio governments to share construction projects. The annual meeting can be held online. MORPC will be posting a tutorial to the Paving the Way site for city staff entering projects. This is open to any MORPC member to provide construction/road closure data.

Transportation Policy Committee – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Chair
Chair McGuiness called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 1:58 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:17 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda
Steve Stolte made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Pat Blayney; motion passed.

Other Business
Ben Carpenter shared the results of the State of Ohio Job Growth for 2015-2019. Perry County is 1, Licking County is 2, Madison County is 4 and Union County is 5.

William Murdock reminded members that MORPC is here to help facilitate conversations. Assume that any MORPC meetings in the next month or two are still on your calendar, they can be presented remotely.

Good luck and best wishes as we navigate the situation. This is a time for everyone to work together well.

Mr. Murdock thanked MORPC’s IT Department. They were told yesterday that this meeting would be done online.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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