COMMISSION MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
VIDEO/AUDIO CONFERENCE

Thursday, May 14, 2020
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

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

2. Welcome and Introductions – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
   - Recognition of New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Coordinator

3. COVID-19 Update with Ohio Auditor Keith Faber

4. Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
   a. Quarterly Membership Report – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Coordinator

2:00 p.m.

Committees

5. 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 Ewing, Director
  - 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
  - 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
- Planning & Sustainability – Kerstin Carr, Director
- Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, Director

c. Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

1) Approval of April 9, 2020 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
2) Proposed Resolution T-6-20: “Adoption of the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan”
3) Proposed Resolution T-7-20: “Adoption of the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”
5) Proposed Resolution T-9-20: “Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process”

d. Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

2:30 p.m.

6. Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization – Jeff Stauch (Union County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Vice Chair

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. Smart Region Task Force – Dana McDaniel (City of Dublin), Smart Region Task Force Chair

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

10. Commission Consent Agenda

a. Approval of April 9, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes
b. Approval of April 30, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes

c. Proposed Resolution 05-20: “Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”

d. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee
11. Other Business

3:00 p.m.  12. Adjourn – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

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The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, June 11, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
Video/Audio Conference
COVID-19 Advocacy and Updates
The MORPC Government Affairs Team has been providing legislative updates on two weekly calls MORPC has been convening in partnership with the Franklin County Township Association and the Central Ohio Mayors and Manager Association (COMMA). They have also worked to have high level elected officials such as Senator Sherrod Brown, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, Congressman Steve Stivers and more provide legislative updates related to the pandemic to MORPC members.

In partnership with COMMA, MORPC submitted joint letters to the Central Ohio Congressional Delegation, Governor DeWine, and members of the Central Ohio General Assembly. The federal letter included several recommendations such as: allowing all local governments to be eligible to receive direct grants for emergency COVID-19 expenditures; a waiver for all federal cost share requirements for FEMA grants; a request that state and local governments be eligible for the emergency paid leave tax credits that were provided to the private sector in a previous relief bill; and a restoration of Advance Refunding of Tax-Exempt Bonds (H.R. 2772). Our letter to the Governor and the General Assembly focused on the CARES Act relief dollars of $1.2 billion provided to the state that are earmarked for local governments. In the letter we stated how it is imperative that local governments be able to receive a direct sub-grant from the State of Ohio.

Our members looked to MORPC in the onset of the pandemic and the stay-at-home orders that followed from the state. Team Members engaged its technology resources to develop a COVID-19 resource hub focused on Central Ohio. The website includes data, mapping, and information resources designed for a local government audience seeking information to help them plan their response and identify gaps in services for their residents. Included resources range from data about confirmed COVID-19 cases in the region, to best practices for remote local government operations, to mapping of community resources like emergency food distribution sites and childcare locations.

Team Members are working to procure PPE products through our contractors and their distributors so that there will be no delay when the Team is able to resume in-home work. One hundred N-95 masks are backordered. Staff has reached out to another contractor to order an additional fifty to one hundred N-95 masks when his distributor begins taking orders, as well as gloves and Tyvek suits.
The Regional Policy Roundtable convened a special COVID-19 focused federal update with Congressman Steve Stivers on April 1, 2020. This was an opportunity for members of the Roundtable to ask Congressman Stivers how COVID-19 is impacting their communities and learn about the CARES Act.

**Paycheck Protection Program Update**
MORPC applied for and received a Paycheck Protection Program SBA loan through U.S. Bank. The forgivable loan allows MORPC to continue agency projects and support to members. This, in addition to other efforts, has allowed MORPC to keep all team members employed during the pandemic. The PPP provides assistance through the end of June.

**Newly Elected Officials Event**
On April 17, 2020 MORPC hosted a virtual Newly Elected Officials Event. Roughly 25 newly elected officials participated on the call to learn about MORPC’s advocacy and the work of the Regional Policy Roundtable. Mayor Kim Maggard from Whitehall, Steve Tugend, and Joe Garrity participated in a conversation on the value of regional advocacy in Washington and at the Statehouse.

**Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
The final public comment period on the draft plan closed April 13. Team Members worked to review and incorporate comments and finalize plan documentation. The draft plan, which will be updated with the final plan upon adoption in May, continues to be available for viewing via MORPC’s website. The plan identifies and prioritizes nearly $30 billion on the regional transportation system looking out to the year 2050.

**5310 Designated Recipient**
MORPC received STIP/TIP approval from FTA for last month’s Resolution T-2-20 adding 14 selected Section 5310 projects for enhancing transportation for older adults and people with disabilities. MORPC is entering projects in FTA’s program management system TrAMS.

**Transit**
MORPC completed the CARES Act FTA Section 5307 formula split of over $53 million for the Columbus Urbanized Area between COTA, Delaware County Transit and Licking County Transit. These funds do not require local match and can be used for operating, capital and other general expenses to programs that prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Team Members met with NOACA mobility management to discuss how the two mobility management programs could be reported for future best practice reference. It was also discussed to make this an OTEC 2020 presentation to share how technology is being used to support older adult and workforce populations in these two regions.

MORPC and ODOT Office of Transit are preparing for the May 5 Central Ohio Mobility Management Peer Exchange. The purpose of this meeting is to identify mobility challenges and opportunities for collaboration that can support the rural and urban areas in the Central Ohio region.

**Gohio**
COVID-19 has affected the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program. Fourteen of our vanpools temporarily suspended service due to mandated telework. The remaining fourteen vanpools are operating to hospitals in Central Ohio to transport essential employees to work.

Team Members are consulting for Nationwide Children’s hospital about sustainable commute options. Team Members created a sustainable commute report to educate the hospital on
possible options for a new employee commute program. Abercrombie & Fitch may consider starting a carpool program for their employees in the fourth quarter of 2020.

The TDM campaign calendar with regional partners was adjusted due to COVID-19. The new 2020 calendar seeks to build off the momentum of increased active transportation and prepare for future transit challenges. Team Members are working with TDM and mobility professionals from across the country to support Central Ohio TDM work. The examples of TDM programs in response to COVID-19 are helping strengthen MORPC TDM responses that are meant to support the community.

Team Members are creating an event toolkit for the Mobility Block Party which will allow communities to have support for implementing the event in 2021 and beyond. The event tool kit is focused around age and ability inclusive mobility education and encouragement.

Work is underway with Central Ohio Greenways, Columbus Public Health, and other partners to support mobility education and encouragement and the August 1, 2020 Taste of the Trails event.

Team Members are preparing an external survey that covers teleworking patterns, organizational responses to the pandemic, air quality emissions savings, and mode shift. The survey is intended to support useful information in the case of a future public emergency.

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)
Team Members are working on folio summaries of the environmental study results. The folios will provide the public with succinct summaries of the study findings and provide the RSTI Ohio partners with reference materials as they discuss potential funding opportunities to advance the EIS study with public and private entities. The RSTI Ohio partners are comprised of Union County and the Cities of Lima, Kenton, Marysville, Dublin, and Columbus.

The Hyperloop Feasibility Study public report is being circulated to ODOT, FHWA, Virgin Hyperloop One, and the Ohio RSTI partners as a preview opportunity prior to publishing the study on MORPC’s website.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
Work on the first CORPO TIP is complete and ready to be adopted at the May 4 CORPO committee meeting. During that meeting CORPO will also adopt their SFY 2021 Planning Work Program.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
The District 3 Integrating Committee is reviewing policies and criteria for Round 35. The May 8 meeting will be held remotely.

Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
Final applications for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund were due March 27. Three applicants submitted seven Clean Ohio Conservation applications requesting $3.13 million. Approximately $3.86 million is available for the current round. The NRAC rescheduled the remote meeting to approve funding awards to May 28.

Competitive Advantage Projects
The final CAP Innovative Funding Strategies Development Activity report compiled by Ice Miller will provide CAP project sponsors with a variety of different funding strategies to advance projects across Central Ohio.
Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)
The first TRAC meeting of 2020 was April 24 via webinar. The following information about this year’s TRAC funding cycle was provided:

- The application period for 2020 will be open June 15 to July 15.
- Due to the current circumstances, the number of public hearings this year is being reduced from four to three. Public hearings are set for September 9, 23 and October 14.
- Draft list to be approved on November 11.
- Final list to be approved December 16.

No information was provided on how much will be available for funding for the 2020 TRAC funding cycle.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)
The RDAC will meet June 2 to discuss the status of the Regional Housing Strategy, public policy, and the work of the four Working Groups.


The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Working Group met April 15 to prepare for the next RIDG user meeting. The Working Group meets again May 13.

The RIDG user group met April 22. Several users gave presentations in the COVID-19 Data Showcase, discussed upcoming Census data, and participated in four breakout sessions. The RIDG user group plans to meet again in June.


The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group met April 20 and was updated on the status of the Dashboard, second-round beta testing candidates, and the project schedule. The Working Group meets again May 21.

Smart Region Task Force
The Smart Region Task Force met April 20 to discuss the status of the Task Force’s final deliverable, the Smart Region Resource Guide. A graphic displaying smart technology was created for the Smart Region Task Force and will be included in the task force’s finalized products. The Task Force will meet again in Summer 2020.

Census
The Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee Local Government Subcommittee met April 1 and April 16 to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the Census and status of outreach to residents. The Subcommittee meets again May 27.

Team Members prepared a survey of local governments designed to capture the impacts of COVID-19 on staffing and operations to date, local governments top concerns around staff and resident safety, ability to maintain services and public meetings, and the financial impacts of the stay-at-home order. The first round of the survey was completed by 74 respondents and the results were summarized in an interactive graphic report. The survey was shared as a model with staff at the Atlanta Regional Commission seeking to implement a similar idea in their region.
Team Members conducted the Paving the Way Annual Meeting on April 23, reviewing the system tutorial, the Community and Agency Projects in the system, and discussing public roll-out.

Regional Active Transportation Plan
Team Members and partners created a Steering Committee for the Regional Active Transportation Plan update. To join this committee, please contact Stephen Patchan (spatchan@morpc.org). The Steering Committee’s kick-off meeting is tentatively set for June.

Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG)
Team Members hosted the Q2 ATWG virtual meeting on April 23. The discussion included updates on the Attributable Funding process, the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan, statewide active transportation efforts, Regional Active Transportation Plan, the Complete Streets Policy, and upcoming training opportunities.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Count:
Manual counts began April 20 and will continue through May 16. The counts will focus data for demand on the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Trail Network during the COVID-19 Stay-At-Home Order. Sign up to help count here.

Team Members and regional partners will launch short-duration trail counts in May for the annual trail monitoring program. The trail monitoring program is being updated to improve data collection efforts and expand the monitoring area.

Team Members and the Knox County Health Department are working to install temporary count equipment for non-motorized data collection at trail access points for a before/after study for future trail improvements. Please contact Lauren Cardoni (lcardoni@morpc.org) to borrow count equipment or for more information.

insight2050 Technical Assistance Program (TAP)
Team Members and Franklin County staff are developing context-sensitive roadway classifications for the County’s Complete Streets Implementation TAP project. Team Members continued work on best practices reports and existing conditions mapping for the Jefferson Township Blacklick Station Project and the Hilliard Cemetery Road Project. MORPC met with the City of Columbus to kick-off the Speed Management Framework TAP project and begin the scoping process.

Regional Housing Strategy
The project team completed draft content for housing submarkets and a displacement risk analysis. Both analyses will be finalized with guidance from stakeholders. Team Members hosted remote webinars and project meetings in May.

MORPC led the Project Sponsor Update meeting and proposed postponement of public engagement until summer 2020. The postponement will extend the timeline for the project to conclude in August 2020.

MORPC members and partners produced a webinar “Evictions in Central Ohio” to learn more about the state of evictions in the region and challenges facing residents in the current health/economic crisis. The next remote session is in May.

Transportation Safety
Team Members and COG partners are developing a systemic safety project focused on regional trail crossing locations to apply for HSIP funding in fall 2020.
Ohio's Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update
Team Members participated in the 5-year update to Ohio’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan. ODOT and partners will update this plan, including the individual emphasis area action plans. Interested parties should contact Michelle May at ODOT or Lauren Cardoni (lcardoni@morpc.org).

Sustaining Scioto Board
The Sustaining Scioto Board kick-off meeting was April 29. The newly formed board heard updates from the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water about water quality data along the Upper Scioto watershed and Heidelberg University’s National Center for Water Quality Research to learn about their water quality monitoring projects.

Central Ohio Water Resources Planning
Team Members and Ohio EPA staff discussed the 208-planning process and timing for the release of funding for work in two additional counties. MORPC staff is addressing comments from Ohio EPA; final documents will be released for public comment.

Outreach
Team Members met with partners, including Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, to discuss needs and areas of collaboration. As the Greater Columbus Arts Council announced the cancellation of the Arts Festival in which MORPC participates with River Fest, MORPC is creating an educational outreach plan to engage social media users on water quality topics.

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 clarifying 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.

The 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 will include 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.

The 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. The group does know that 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.

Energy & Air Quality
The Energy and Air Quality Working Group’s March meeting was canceled; the Working Group meets again May 26.

The Air Quality Sensor Subgroup and stakeholders reviewed and provided feedback on a plan to deploy PurpleAir air quality monitors in the downtown area to track air pollution levels during and after the pandemic economic shutdown.

The Solar Toolkit Subgroup is developing additional resources for the toolkit and soliciting feedback from members. The toolkit is expected to be completed in May and turned over to Communications for hosting on the MORPC website.

Local Government Energy Partnership (LGEP)
The City of Delaware recently enrolled in the MORPC Benchmarking Program and several member communities have expressed interest. Columbia Gas of Ohio requires a new data sharing agreement with the benchmarking vendor, JadeTrack. Agreements should be in place in May. Until then, the member dashboards cannot update with natural gas consumption data, nor benchmark their buildings. Due to the PUCO ruling on HB6, AEP Ohio is directed to cease mandatory efficiency programs as of December 31, 2020. As funding for LGEP will end in 2020 regardless, there is no impact to the current program. Discussions continue regarding the program into 2021.

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)
SAC met April 15, with staff presenting on efforts to install mobile air quality monitors in the downtown area to capture data during the coronavirus closures. Team Members presented on the recent increase in trail usage, and efforts to collect additional trail count data. SAC members discussed the impact of COVID-19 on sustainability; a follow up meeting was held April 30.

Regional Sustainability Dashboard
The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group continues to meet monthly to guide the development of a Sustainability Dashboard, with technical support from MORPC and CURA at OSU. The Working Group is preparing for the second round of user testing by SAC members, Regional Data Advisory Committee members, and other stakeholders.

Digital Content
Social media and web/e-newsletter content included: Transportation Improvement Program and Comments, Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Comments, Corridor Concepts, COTA Service, Delaware County Transit Changes, ODOT Safety, Columbus Vision Zero (Safety), Virgin Hyperloop One Education Initiative, Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization TIP and Comments, Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Census, Work Zone Awareness, Bike and Pedestrian Counts, Central Ohio Greenways, Air Quality Awareness, the Planning Work Program.

MORPC in the News morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews
Western PA looks to future of transportation from highways to hyperloops
Upper Arlington officials pleased with addition of CoGo stations
OPWC awards nearly $30 million for 20 central Ohio roadway projects
Broad Street Ramps to Close, Future Phase of 70/71 Project Delayed
Hilliard reports roundabout modifications have reduced accidents
More Americans affected by air pollution
When will hyperloop be ready? Developers dispute study that says systems won't launch until 2040
Reynoldsburg seeks grant for Waggoner Road project

Housing
The FCUN 2018 program was due to wrap up by June 30; any further delay is going to require that an extension of time for completion be requested. The FCUN 2019 program is processing applications to be ready to start once the program is able to do so.

Team Members are working on a grant application for a new program with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) as the funder.

Team Members are working on process review and improvements to better expedite our programs. Each main portion of the process were reviewed; changes and additions are being put in place to help the processes.

WarmChoice
Projects are still coming in through the IMS system. Team Members are processing all projects for qualifications and entering them into the system. All invoiced work has been processed at this time. These cases are marked for immediate inspection following authorized resumption of field work.

Team Members are reaching out to contractors to update status and informing contractors that PPE will be required for restart.

HWAP
- HWAP BWR’s have been submitted for March and the Monthly Production Report has been finalized.
- All HWAP invoicing to date has been closed out and paid. These cases have been marked for immediate inspection following authorized resumption of field work.
- Received permission to utilize T & TA funds for staff allocations during trainings.

Office Renovation Update
Office renovation work is underway. Three Team Members, working safely in the office, have packed up most of the office and taken apart most of the old workstations. An RFP for furniture has been released. The floor plan is being finalized with the architect. An aggressive timeline has been put in place to complete the work by the end of the summer, with some unknowns for permitting and contractor availability as the highest potential risks to delay the project. While the reason we are out of the office is unfortunate and unprecedented, we are excited to move forward and take advantage of the time team members are out of the office to advance this project.

Audit Update
Financial Auditors Plante Moran completed their field work for the 2019 audit. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval in June.

Information Technology Updates
The Information Technology Services Team focused on the following projects and tasks over the past month:
- Prepared projects to support office renovation
  - Procure network switches
  - Consult wireless experts on “complete wireless” office settings
✓ Receive quotes for network cable upgrade
✓ Research wireless VOIP solutions

- Continued phish email testing, April failure rate is up to 7.5%. Failed users are required to take video-based training.
- Updated CRM, a Microsoft Dynamics business application, to be fully compliant with the Microsoft Sales Team Member application.
- Continued work to convert the Annual Salary Survey, a Human resource project, into an electronic web-based application in the future.
- Continued to populate monthly newsletter with MORPC members to raise the awareness of cybersecurity and security practices.

**Personnel Updates**

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:
- Data & Mapping GIS Specialist Kyle Sohner began April 20. Onboarding and orientation was performed remotely.

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

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

**RFP/RFQ Postings**

The following RFP’s/RFQ’s were posted:
- RFP for Office Renovation – FF&E – Systems Desking & Tables (closes May 18)
- RFP for Office Renovation – FF&E Ancillary Package (closes May 18)
- RFQ for HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Program
- RFQ for Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Program

The full RFP/RFQs are available at [http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqs/](http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqs/).
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Called to Order
Chair Karen Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director
  Thea Walsh reported the March 31 virtual TIP Open House was a success. Eighty members of the public participated. Other Ohio MPOs and one Florida MPO asked how the virtual open house was conducted. The draft TIP is available online. The public comment period ends April 20.

  The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board has been having discussions around the continued use of trails during COVID-19 – looking at the open streets concept which allows for more bicycles and pedestrians on roads. MORPC is interested in follow-up from members. The region would need to move quickly to activate something similar. The open streets concept helps relieve trail congestion. If you are interested, reach out to Kerstin Carr and the Planning & Sustainability Team.

  Ms. Walsh noted that Proposed Resolution T-5-20 on the consent agenda is a TIP amendment that includes an out-of-cycle request for ODOT that adds $10 million to increased construction for I-70/I-71 between State Route 665 and the Franklin County Line.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda
Jon Bennehoof made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Greg Lestini; motion passed.

Draft 2021 Planning Work Program – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Director
Thea Walsh presented the SFY 21 Planning Work Program. The Planning Work Program (PWP) is MORPC’s annual document that outlines MORPC’s transportation work. There are no significant changes from previous years. Mobility management was added this year. The summary draft is online. The PWP will be presented for approval at the May Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Director
Thea Walsh shared the 2020-2050 MTP Draft Document & Comment Period. MORPC is in the final stages of the MTP. All materials are on MORPC’s website. The comment period closes April 13. The final MTP, PWP, and TIP will be presented next month for approval.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.
Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
   Executive Committee
   Officers and Board Members
   Transportation Policy Committee
   Transportation Advisory Committee
   Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
       Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: May 8, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-6-20: "Adopting the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan"

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) acting through the Transportation Policy Committee is responsible for adopting the Metropolitan Transportation Plan every four years. This action helps ensure continued federal assistance for transportation projects in the region. Resolution T-6-20 will adopt the 2020-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and affirm the consistency of the SFY 2021 to 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to it.

During development of the MTP over the last two years several key elements were presented for review, public comment and adoption. These included:
- MTP Goals, measurable objectives and targets
- Project evaluation criteria
- 2050 population and employment projections

Additionally, an interactive web map was used as a tool to solicit and get feedback on candidate projects.

From last November through this February more than 60 presentations on the MTP were made to local governments and neighborhood associations throughout the region. An open house was held at MORPC on February 26th. Prior to completion, the strategies, project listings, and document were made available to members and the public for review during a public comment period that lasted through April 13th. The 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) document has been made available to the public on MORPC’s website and advertised in through the media and other means. All comments have been reviewed and addressed.
The adoption of the 2020-2050 MTP includes the main document, the executive summary (attached to the resolution), and the following appendices:

- Future Land Use
- Air Quality Conformity
- Environmental Justice Technical Analysis
- Environmental Mitigation
- Project Evaluation
- Public Participation

Air Quality Consistency
The MPO is also responsible for ensuring that its plan and program of projects further the goals of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan projects have been analyzed by ODOT’s procedures using MOVES software. Based on this analysis, the 2020-2050 MTP has been determined to be in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

The resolution confirms that the plan (and thereby the TIP) conforms to the Clean Air Act Amendments. Following this adoption, the 2020-2050 MTP and its appendices will be forwarded to ODOT for final approval. The air quality conformity finding will also be submitted for federal approval.

Attachment: Resolution T-6-20
RESOLUTION T-6-20

“Adopting the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials for Franklin and Delaware counties, New Albany, Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, Violet and Bloom townships in Fairfield County, and Jerome Township in Union County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134 and 49 United States Code 1602(a)(2), 1603(1), and 1604(g)(1), has caused the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) dated May 2020 to be prepared; and

WHEREAS, other plans including local land use plans, local capital improvement plans, transit agency plans, regional plans, and statewide plans were consulted and incorporated into the 2020-2050 MTP; and

WHEREAS, the MPO, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134 and 49(1607) United States Code, has prepared a Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024, which is consistent with the 2020-2050 MTP; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with U.S. DOT's Title VI regulations, solicitation of citizens' comments on the 2020-2050 MTP was made by following MORPC's adopted Public Involvement Process through advertisements in the local media and presentations to numerous groups within the planning area, at an open house meeting, the Community Advisory Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee meetings, on MORPC’s website, and other means; and

WHEREAS, the MTP includes federally required performance measures along with additional performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture is continually updated and included as part of the 2020-2050 MTP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 134, a financial plan was prepared for the 2020-2050 MTP that demonstrate that it can be implemented and is consistent with funding reasonably expected to be available; and

WHEREAS, the development of the 2020-2050 MTP includes appendices listed in the document; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 49 USC, 1607, 23 USC, 134 and 42 USC, 7506, the 2020-2050 MTP has been analyzed based on accepted methodology and has been determined to be in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its May 4, 2020 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its May 6, 2020 meeting recommended adoption of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it adopts the 2020-2050 MTP for the Columbus Area metropolitan planning organization dated May 2020, including its appendices and the incorporated reports.
Resolution T-6-20
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Section 2. That as the custodian of the Central Ohio Regional ITS Architecture (Architecture), it adopts the to the Architecture as maintained by MORPC as the federally required regional architecture for the MORPC Transportation Planning Area.

Section 3. That it recommends that its members incorporate the proposed strategies and projects into their planning for transportation improvements in their governmental units.

Section 4. That it affirms the conformity of the 2020-2050 MTP with the State Implementation Plan.

Section 5. That it affirms that the SFY 2021 to 2024 Transportation Improvement Program is consistent with the 2020-2050 MTP.

Section 6. 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 7. 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 J. Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Submitted by: Thea Ewing, Director, Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Prepared by: Staff, Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Attachment: 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Executive Summary
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A safe, reliable, efficient, and accessible transportation system is essential to the economy and quality of life for those who visit, live, and work in the Central Ohio region. The 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) establishes a set of regional transportation goals and objectives, and recommends strategies—including projects—that will maintain, manage, and develop Central Ohio’s transportation system through 2050. The MTP represents a consensus among regional partners on transportation needs and priorities, and should be implemented collaboratively throughout the region. Progress in meeting the plan’s objectives will be monitored and reported on annually.

Planning for the MTP is continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative. As the fastest growing region in the state of Ohio, changing demographics and market trends require ongoing identification and analyses of new demands on the transportation system. The MTP is comprehensive in that it addresses all surface travel options including the automobile, transit, bicycles, pedestrians, and freight movements. It also recognizes that the quality of the transportation system impacts, and is impacted by development patterns, economic conditions, and environmental policies. Finally, the MTP is cooperative with respect to the local communities, agencies, and stakeholders that have worked together to develop the plan and who must work together moving forward to successfully reach the outcomes proposed by the plan.
PLANNING AREA

Many different agencies and local governments conduct studies on and complete improvements to the transportation system. However, MORPC is the principal public agency conducting regional transportation studies for the Central Ohio area because it serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus Urbanized Area. It covers Franklin County, Delaware County, and portions of Fairfield, Licking, and Union counties. The MTP covers the MPO area, as shown below.
THE REGION IN 2050
The process of developing the MTP requires assumptions and analyses of how many people will live and work in the MPO in 2050, and where and how they will travel, so that the demands of the transportation system can be anticipated.

Because the plan must be fiscally balanced, forecasts of available funding for maintaining and expanding the transportation system were also developed. The strategies and projects identified in this plan stay within the forecasted revenues. This plan was developed with the assumption that similar funding will be available to the area as what has been made available in the past, but with moderate growth, particularly for transit revenues.

REVENUES EXPECTED BY 2050 (IN MILLIONS)

- TRAC/ODOT $6,045 19%
- MORPC Federal $1,750 5%
- OPWC/CEAO $1,508 5%
- Transit Federal/State/Local $13,704 43%
- Local $7,388 23%
- Other $543 2%
- Private $920 3%

Total: $31,829 million

PROJECTED GROWTH
Metropolitan Planning Organization

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STRATEGIES & PROJECTS
The MTP identifies 66 strategies that are intended to be fulfilled by MORPC and other regional and local planning partners. The MTP chapters discuss each strategy, including the approach to improving the transportation system starting with 1) physical preservation; 2) operating it efficiently; 3) making it safe and secure; 4) reducing demand for travel; and 5) expanding the system through pedestrian infrastructure, bike infrastructure, transit infrastructure and service, intermodal connections and finally additional roadway infrastructure. The specific projects included in the MTP are mapped on a following pages.

THE MTP INCLUDES PROJECTS THAT:
- Add five high-capacity transit projects covering 36 miles
- Maintain and expand COTA and DCT service
- Replace transit vehicles and accommodate other capital expenses for transit
- Add 415 miles of stand-alone bike and/or pedestrian facilities
- Widen 26 miles of freeways
- Convert 17 miles of four-lane divided roadways to freeways
- Add 42 miles of lane management along freeways
- Modify 25 freeway interchanges
- Add 6 new interchanges
- Add 98 miles of new roadway connections
- Add 81 miles of through lane additions
- Add 120 miles with minor widening/safety improvements
- Modify 149 intersections

EXPENDITURES EXPECTED BY 2050 (IN MILLIONS)

*Transit category includes:
- 5 high capacity transit projects
- Expand COTA & DCT service
- Replacement vehicles and other capital expenses

*Management & Operations category includes:
- 6 Access Management & One-way Conversion projects
- Maintenance & Preservation
- ITS and other operations
SYSTEM MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Physical Preservation
PRES 1: Repair or replace bridges in poor physical condition
PRES 2: Repave or reconstruct roads in poor physical condition
PRES 3: Repave or reconstruct sidewalks and bikeways in poor physical condition
PRES 4: Replace transit vehicles that are beyond their useful life
PRES 5: Repair or replace transit facilities in poor physical condition
PRES 6: Utilize advanced material and techniques to maximize life of transportation system components
PRES 7: Continue to evolve consistent data collection and analysis procedures to rate the physical condition of the transportation system components

Operations
OP 1: Collect, develop, and maintain data on roadway, transit, bike and pedestrian conditions and other modes and share the data and information through technology.
OP 2: Broaden the existing transportation system managed in a coordinated manner through Intelligent Transportation System technologies
OP 3: Implement managed lanes along additional freeway corridors
OP 4: Apply access management along arterial and collector corridors
OP 5: Improve connections and coordination among transit system operators
OP 6: Expand transit signal priority along additional roadway corridors
OP 7: Improve demand response transit service
OP 8: Manage, improve and coordinate human service, private and public transportation, to better meet the needs and fill the gaps
OP 9: Implement vehicle to infrastructure and vehicle to vehicle communications
OP 10: Modify lane configurations of roadways, where appropriate, to safely match vehicle, transit, bike and pedestrian demand
OP 11: Implement curbside management to facilitate package delivery and mobility as a service pick-up and drop-off while minimizing impact on transportation system operations
OP 12: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

Safety
SAF 1: Collect, develop, maintain, and analyze crash data and identify regional safety emphasis areas and priority safety locations
SAF 2: Collect, develop, maintain, and analyze data on transit safety
SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations
SAF 4: Implement countermeasures that address transit safety issues
SAF 5: Advance educational initiatives that address regional safety emphasis areas
SAF 6: Advance legislative initiatives that address regional safety emphasis areas

Security
SEC 1: Promote and strengthen security, including cyber security
SEC 2: Promote and strengthen emergency preparedness efforts
SEC 3: Collect, develop and maintain data and information to improve decision making
SEC 4: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

**Demand Management**

DM 1: Collect, develop, and maintain data on roadway, transit, bike and pedestrian conditions and other modes and share the data and information through technology

DM 2: Collect, develop, maintain and analyze travel demand data to identify opportunities to provide appropriate mobility options

DM 3: Collaborate to reduce the need for vehicle travel through development regulations

DM 4: Educate and market travel demand management (TDM) programs to increase use of transit, ride-share, bicycling, and walking

DM 5: Create travel demand management (TDM) partnerships among the facilitators and providers of all modes of transportation, community leaders, and institutions that make up high-density trip generating districts

DM 6: Make neighborhoods safely walkable, bikeable, and accessible by transit through non-infrastructure projects and programs

DM 7: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

**SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

**Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure**

BP 1: Collaborate to build high comfort bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure through development regulations

BP 2: Increase the quantity and quality of data on bicycle, pedestrian, and similar modes travel behavior

BP 3: Expand high comfort bicycle and pedestrian networks through the implementation of complete streets

BP 4: Implement the Central Ohio Greenways trail vision

BP 5: Update the Active Transportation Plan and implement it to create high comfort regional pedestrian and bicycle transportation networks

BP 6: Make neighborhoods walkable and bikeable through infrastructure projects that fill gaps in the high comfort pedestrian and bicycle networks

BP 7: Ensure neighborhoods and employment locations have high comfort connections for pedestrians and bicyclists to the regional pedestrian, bicycle and transit networks

BP 8: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities through collaboration

**Transit Infrastructure**

TRAN 1: Collaborate to build transit infrastructure through development regulations

TRAN 2: Increase frequency on appropriate fixed route transit routes

TRAN 3: Implement high capacity transit service along additional corridors

TRAN 4: Expand geographic coverage of fixed route transit service

TRAN 5: Implement appropriate additional/innovative service to address first/last mile needs

TRAN 6: Make neighborhoods transit supportive through infrastructure projects

TRAN 7: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

**Freight Rail Infrastructure**

FRE 1: Improve at-grade rail crossings and close or grade-separate crossings where feasible

FRE 2: Address congestion points “bottlenecks” on the rail system

FRE 3: Collect information on and analyze freight activity to identify developing trends and work to disseminate that information among partners and peers
FRE 4: Maximize the efficiency and provide needed capacity of rail terminals
FRE 5: Implement hyperloop technology for freight movement
FRE 6: Make transportation decisions that positively impact freight movements and maximize the effectiveness of the region’s integrated freight transportation system
FRE 7: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

**Multimodal Infrastructure Connections**

MULTI 1: Forge public/private partnerships to provide resources to maintain and expand key linkages between air, rail and roadway transportation modes
MULTI 2: Maximize efficiency of existing transit terminals and construct new transit terminals, mobility centers and park and rides with safe bike, pedestrian, and vehicle access where there is a convergence of transit routes or intercity rapid speed transportation modes
MULTI 3: Incorporate vehicle sharing needs at transit terminals, stations and major stops
MULTI 4: Improve transit, bike and pedestrian connections to airports
MULTI 5: Alleviate existing or anticipated congestion at roadway and rail terminal access areas
MULTI 6: Alleviate existing or anticipated congestion at roadway and air terminal access areas
MULTI 7: Incorporate ground needs for flying intraregional transport such as drones for package delivery and personal transport
MULTI 8: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

**Roadway Infrastructure**

RDWY 1: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing freeways and at interchanges
RDWY 2: Continue conversion of key divided expressways into limited access freeways
RDWY 3: Construct new interchanges, where appropriate, to alleviate congestion or support regional development goals
RDWY 4: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing arterial and collector corridors
RDWY 5: Add capacity, where appropriate, at locations such as intersections to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion
RDWY 6: Construct new roadways, where appropriate, to alleviate congestion or support regional or local development goals
RDWY 7: Provide efficient connectivity of local roads to the arterial and collector roadway system
RDWY 8: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration

**TRANSPORTATION AND SYSTEM RELATED STRATEGIES**

SYS 1: Collaborate to ensure localized and regional transportation systems needs are addressed in development decisions
SYS 2: Develop transportation system to serve all demographic population groups
SYS 3: Create plans and partnerships to attract investment in alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure
SYS 4: Implement best management practices for storm water runoff and implementation of green infrastructure
Non-Freeway Roadway Projects

The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources made available to us which we believe to be reliable.

4/28/2020

Sources:
ODOT, FCEO, MORPC, NHD
PLAN IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING

Involvement from communities within the MPO was important in the development of this plan, and it is through their actions, and those of other regional planning partners, that implementation will occur. MORPC will work with state and local governments and regional planning partners to execute the strategies identified.

While it is estimated that the projects identified in this MTP will be within expected available resources by the year 2050, specific funding has not yet been allocated to most of the projects. When ODOT, COTA, DCT, or local governments decide to secure and commit funding for the design and construction of a project, the project is then added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and programmed for construction. Many local governments also maintain their own Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which identifies projects within the local jurisdiction with committed funding.

To measure success of the MTP, MORPC publishes an annual report card that identifies if the region is on track for reaching the established targets for each of the objectives as listed in Chapter 1. This is done by comparing current data to the benchmarks and targets, to assess if the region is moving in the right direction, and on track to meet the short– and long–term targets.
Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
    Transportation Advisory Committee
    Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
      Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: May 8, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-7-20: “Adoption of the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)”

As was presented during previous meetings, the TIP is a four-year program of projects and strategies that state and local governments have selected from MORPC’s long-range transportation plan as priorities for Central Ohio’s transportation system. It contains a listing of all regionally significant projects and projects that will require the authorization of funds by FHWA or FTA. For each project, the list describes the scope of the project and the amount and type of funds committed to each phase of the project by state fiscal year (SFY). The TIP may be updated through formal amendments or administrative modifications.

MORPC’s TIP is a component of the Statewide TIP (STIP). MORPC adopts an updated TIP every two years. Coordination with the MPO member governments and transit agencies began in January with an announcement of the beginning of the update process. In March, MORPC announced the availability of the final draft TIP and held a virtual open house for the TIP on March 30th. The Transportation Policy Committee was regularly updated about the process through monthly reports and a presentation of the draft TIP.

From March 27th to April 20th, MORPC conducted a public involvement process for the Final Draft SFY 2021-2024 TIP, which included the virtual open house on March 31st. Staff received several comments during the virtual open house which were answered. Comments were also received via email. Comments on specific projects were passed along to specific project sponsors. None of the comments significantly changed the final draft TIP.

The final SFY 2021-2024 TIP was due to ODOT on May 1st and will be available at www.morpc.org/tip by May 4th. In order to remain coordinated with the statewide process and MORPC’s meeting schedules, the Transportation Policy Committee is being asked to adopt the TIP after the final TIP is required to be submitted to ODOT. In the event that the Transportation Policy Committee modifies the TIP or fails to adopt it, this will be coordinated with ODOT. ODOT is aware of this situation.

Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-7-20
RESOLUTION T-7-20

“Adoption of the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials for Franklin and Delaware counties, the cities of New Albany and Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, and Violet and Bloom townships in Fairfield County, and Jerome Township in Union County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 5303, 5305, and 5306, MORPC, as the MPO, has caused the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) dated May 2020 to be prepared concurrently with the SFY 2021-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 5304, MORPC, as the MPO, has prepared a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024 dated May 1, 2020, and available at www.morpc.org/tip; and

WHEREAS, all projects in the TIP are included in the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 134 and 42 USC 7506, the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan has been analyzed based on accepted methodology and has been determined to be in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and said fact is documented in the Air Quality Conformity appendix of the MTP dated May 2020, and the SFY 2021-2024 TIP projects are consistent with this conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, the TIP includes the Central Ohio Transit Authority’s (COTA’s) Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) with specific details provided in Appendix A of the TIP, which will be adopted by the COTA board at its May 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Title VI regulations, solicitation of citizens’ comments on the TIP was made by following MORPC’s adopted Public Involvement Process including review by the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), advertisements in the Columbus Dispatch, Delaware Gazette, Newark Advocate, Lancaster Eagle-Gazette, and Columbus Post, sunshine mailings and an open house meeting; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Federal Transit Administration’s guidelines on private sector participation, private transportation operators in the region have been involved in the planning process through representation on the Transportation Advisory Committee, the CAC and/or the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 134, the financial plan for the TIP demonstrates that it can be implemented and that it is consistent with funding reasonably expected to be available; and

WHEREAS, the TIP does not become effective until approval is received from the federal and state authorities; and
WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 4, 2020 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 6, 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 it adopts the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024 dated May 1, 2020, as provided on the MORPC website at www.morpc.org/tip and recommends that its members incorporate these improvements into their transportation improvement programming for their governmental units.

Section 2. That it affirms the consistency between the Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024 TIP and the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and thus the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Section 3. That it authorizes the Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director to approve administrative modifications to the TIP as provided in Appendix E of the document.

Section 4. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the TIP document as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio and U.S. Departments of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the document.

Section 5. 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.

Karen J Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation & Infrastructure Development Staff
Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: May 8, 2020


Annually, MORPC submits a Planning Work Program (PWP) that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming year. The PWP outlines MORPC’s annual scope of work with ODOT using federal planning dollars. The total Fiscal Year 2021 budget of all work elements is $5,440,840 to be spent in SFY 2021 or later. The work elements of the PWP as shown in the summary attached to the resolution (T-8-20) are divided into four sections:

1) Formula-Funded Planning Program Projects (total budget of $2,898,472 for SFY 2021)
   This includes work elements related to the core federally required planning activities. These touch on all areas including active transportation planning, safety planning, the Transportation Improvement Program, transportation data and analysis, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and member and public involvement and education.

2) Special Studies (total budget $1,292,368 for SFY 2021 or later)
   These are special studies completed with funding outside of the core planning funds. These include work elements related to, insight2050 Technical Assistance, Paving the Way, supplemental planning, mobility management and 5310 designated recipient for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities programs.

3) Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects (total budget is $1,250,000 for SFY 2021)
   This includes transportation services related to Ridesharing (Gohio) and Air Quality Awareness activities.

4) Projects Undertaken by Other Entities
   This area is provided in order to report on local and transit transportation planning activities throughout the region. No specific federal funding through MORPC is provided for these activities.
Resolution T-8-20 accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2021 as a document to receive federal and state planning funds.

Attachment: Resolution T-8-20
RESOLUTION T-8-20

“Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2021 Planning Work Program”

WHEREAS, surface transportation systems serve economic activities and provide the necessary and highly valued opportunity for people to travel freely wherever and whenever they want; and

WHEREAS, inevitably travel in Central Ohio involves frequent crossings of municipal, township and county boundaries on facilities that are under the control of various local jurisdictions, special-purpose agencies, and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, usually transportation systems that function best and are most cost-effective include regular cooperative and coordinated planning and decision-making across geographic and administrative boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to help encourage, facilitate and provide a forum for this cooperation so as to help spend regional transportation funds most effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Work Program (PWP) is the document that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Central Ohio Transit Authority have reviewed the MORPC Fiscal Year 2021 PWP (summary attached); and

WHEREAS, approval of this work program by the Transportation Policy Committee is necessary for MORPC to receive federal and state grants to accomplish the scope of work within it; and

WHEREAS, basic requirements for the PWP are included in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 450.308; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 4, 2020 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 6, 2020 recommended acceptance of this work program by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it hereby accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2021 as a document to receive federal and state planning funds.

Section 2. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio and U.S. Departments of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the activity.

Section 3. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of this program by the Policy Committee.

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.

____________________________________
Karen J. Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Infrastructure & Development Department
Attachment: Summary of FY 2021 PWP
### SUMMARY

**FISCAL YEAR 2021 MORPC PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

**Notes on Listing**

Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2021) is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2021 or subsequent years.

### I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

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<td><strong>Active Transportation Planning</strong></td>
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<td>$420,000</td>
<td>MORPC assists local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. More specifically, this activity works to maintain the regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian- and bicycle-related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, coordinate and assist with safety education, work on specific projects, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts.</td>
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<td><strong>60121-3000</strong></td>
<td><strong>Management &amp; Operations Planning</strong></td>
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<td>Managing and maintaining the extensive existing transportation system is a priority of transportation agencies. This work element coordinates on the benefits of a holistically managed transportation system. Helping members collaborate on M&amp;O, advancing ITS including connected infrastructure and CV/AV, access management, estimating costs to maintain the condition of the transportation system including pavement management and deficient bridges, etc., and incorporating security and emergency response into the planning process. Monitoring freight rail activities and analyzing for developing trends; meeting one-on-one with communities that are impacted by freight; and providing timely information via the web. Monitoring goods movement-related legislation and other regional freight initiatives.</td>
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<td><strong>60131-1000</strong></td>
<td><strong>Safety Planning</strong></td>
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<td>Safety continues to be a significant focus for FHWA, ODOT and the entire region. This activity works to gather crash data, conduct crash data analyses to provide regional high-crash location lists, reports on safety meetings, encourages local governments to apply for funding to implement safety countermeasures, conducts pre- and post-crash data analysis for safety projects to evaluate the benefits of each countermeasure, and implements the regional systematic safety improvements.</td>
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Project Evaluation
Special projects and studies

**60151-3000**  **Transit and Human Services Planning**  **$75,000**
Coordination, assistance, and oversight to improve transit service and workforce mobility. Work includes integration of all aspects of transit and mobility to ensure that an adequate level of access is afforded to all populations while improving the range of options for meeting diverse mobility needs.

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

**60201-3000**  **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation**  **$275,000**
The TIP is one of the two required items to allow for the flow of federal and state transportation funds into the region. This activity includes the development, update and revisions of the TIP, monitoring of federally funded projects, coordination of federally funded infrastructure projects with projects funded from other sources, allocation of STBG, CMAQ, and TAP funding, the TRAC process, environmental studies and engineering source document review, innovative financing, and financing education. Specific activities for the year are listed below.

**Products/Activities**
- Maintain the SFY 2021-2024 TIP
- Prioritized list of regional projects for TRAC
- Collaboration on innovative project delivery and financing options for projects
- Reports on the status of federally funded projects & annual obligation report
- Program of projects to use MORPC-attributable funding

**60511-2000**  **Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data**  **$445,000**
This element pertains to MORPC’s role as a leader in coordinating data providers throughout the region, as well as managing its own internal data and GIS systems. It includes using technology for collecting, maintaining and sharing data sets that support transportation programs. It includes keeping data sets current and organized, and managing and monitoring the GIS system. In addition, it includes advancing collaboration among local data providers to reduce redundancies and improve efficiencies associated with information management.

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

**60521-2000**  **Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs**  **$400,000**
Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools developed through 60511-2000 to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. In addition, MORPC functions as a regional resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs. This element includes aspects of research associated with fulfilling those requests.

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

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

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

The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the major requirement of the MPO, including coordinating all Transportation Plan-related activities. This includes any follow-up to the just completed 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and initial steps of the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan to be adopted in 2024. This activity is also to coordinate with state and local agencies on transportation studies and plans. Specific activities this year are listed below.

**Products/Activities**
- 2020-2050 MTP Follow-up
- Complete long-range system studies
- Coordination with ODOT planning activities
- Intercity transportation service planning
- Functional Class, National Highway System, and Regional Thoroughfare Plan
- insight2050 resource updates and outreach

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

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

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

**Products/Activities**
- Informational Meetings
- Regional Collaboration Group Meetings
- Member Education
- Planning Technical Assistance Program

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Program Administration

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

Products/Activities

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

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II. Special Studies

Total Budget $1,332,368

$40,000 spent prior to SFY 2021  Balance for SFY 2021 or later $1,292,368

WORK ELEMENT  PROJECT DESCRIPTION

66507-1000  Central Ohio Greenways Planning
$200,000  MORPC and the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board will work with the ULI Columbus on a branding and feasibility study to build out the largest greenspace system in the country with paved, linear regional and community connector trails to ensure a safe, accessible, and equitable implementation of the Regional Trail Vision.

Products/Activities
- Trail Planning & Mapping
- Trail Assistance
- Funding Guidance
- Outreach & Storytelling

100% MORPC STBG with Toll Credit

66541-0400  Paving The Way
$100,000  The purpose of this work element is to provide transportation project construction and other road closure information to the public. Paving the Way acts as a liaison between the government agencies implementing projects and the public, and it is unique in that it provides information on all projects affecting traffic regardless of which agency (state, local, or utility) is responsible. Paving the Way addresses construction management and communication on a regional, rather than project, basis. The program regularly provides information and education to the public on roadway construction, traffic management, and work zone safety and alternative transportation options with the goal of ensuring that drivers experience the least possible inconvenience while traveling in and around Central Ohio.

Products/Activities
- Project Coordination
- Communications and Outreach

100% MORPC STBG using toll credit

66561-3000  Supplemental Planning
$350,000  This work element supplements the formula-funded program and includes research and planning efforts that are required to fulfill MPO planning and project implementation responsibilities. The activity includes elements that supplement project delivery, data collection and data management, RSTI support, long-range studies and sustainability. Specific activities this year are listed below.

Products/Activities
- Regular reports to members and MORPC committees on project delivery
- Traffic counts for approximately 200 locations, including bike and pedestrian counts as identified in active transportation count plan
- Implement projects to address the goals, objectives, and action items detailed in the Regional Data Agenda.
- Provide special services and conduct special transportation studies
- Support for the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) activities
- Resiliency Planning
- Coordination with other regional activities such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda to further the 2020-2050 MTP goals

100% MORPC STBG using toll credit

66571-1000  Technical Assistance Program
$200,000  The purpose of this work element is to provide technical planning assistance to support individual communities with effective integration of insight2050 findings into local land use and transportation plans. Services will be provided for specific community planning and development projects related to transportation, air quality, traffic, and other projects that support consideration of transportation in land use planning and/or demonstrate the benefits of various modes of transportation. Part of this work element is to maintain online references, tools, policies, and expertise developed under this PWP work element.

Products/Activities
- Planning Assistance

100% MORPC STBG using toll credit

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Outreach

Maintenance of insight2050 resources

5310 Designated Recipient-2020

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

Products/Activities

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

5310 Designated Recipient-2021

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

Products/Activities

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

Mobility Management 2020

This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan for the MPO and administers the FTA’s Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area.

Products/Activities

- Engagement
- Increase capacity
- Information coordination
- State and local coordination
- Awareness and accessibility

Mobility Management 2021

This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan for the MPO and administers the FTA’s Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area.

Products/Activities

- Engagement
- Increase capacity
- Information coordination
- State and local coordination
- Awareness and accessibility

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### III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

**Total Budget** $1,250,000

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<td>Transportation Services (Ridesharing)</td>
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<td>$700,000</td>
<td>Promote Travel Demand Reduction (TDM) in Central Ohio; and market programs and service in a 15-county area. Program services include carpool matching, vanpool formation, transit, bike and pedestrian support and strategies for employers and the general public. MORPC administers an emergency ride home program, vanpool program, and a multiregional rideshare matching vendor contract in coordination with OARC rideshare agencies.</td>
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<td>Promote a culture of sustainable and smart multimodal travel throughout Central Ohio. Public education and ridematching services Raise public awareness about mobility options in the region. Increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance to improve air quality National Transit Database reporting Program evaluation and strategic plan</td>
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<td>66731-1000</td>
<td>Air Quality Awareness</td>
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<td>In 2001, MORPC began a year-round daily air quality forecasting service for ground-level ozone and particulate matter in order to track and report poor air quality to the public, businesses, and organizations. This work element ensures that MORPC continues air pollution forecasting and educating its members and the public on the importance of air quality, its health and environmental impacts, and how to reduce air pollution. Educating the public, issuing air quality alerts, and understanding the impacts of air quality on our communities is an important complement to transportation planning and funding. It ensures: 1) that the public understands the benefits of non-motorized and alternative-fueled transportation, 2) technology enhancement for more efficient transportation to reduce congestion and 3) that they have the knowledge to protect their health from air pollution caused by fossil-fueled transportation. Strategies for reducing fuel use include providing technical assistance, such as outreach, data benchmarking and analysis, assessments, and planning services to assist communities in advancing alternative fuel and other transportation-related choices which reduce emissions and energy use.</td>
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<td>Products/Activities</td>
<td>Operate a year-round daily air quality forecasting and alert system to communicate important air quality information to Central Ohio residents Air Quality Alerts Education and Outreach Conduct special studies and projects related to air quality Planning and policy assistance</td>
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IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

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<td>Ongoing Local Planning</td>
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<td>Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget.</td>
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<td>Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes</td>
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67401-3000 Ongoing COTA Activities

$0

This work element is for coordination with COTA to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in the COTA service area, mainly in Franklin County and in portions of adjacent counties. No budget.

No funding

**Products/Activities**

- COTA's planning process
- Continued refinement of COTA Long-Range Plan and other planning activities
- Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update
- Service change planning
- COTA safety and asset management plans

67402-3000 Ongoing DCT Activities

$0

This work element is for coordination with DCT to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in Delaware County. No budget.

No funding

**Products/Activities**

- DCT's planning process and requirements needed to receive federal urban area and state funds
- Implement recommendations from DCT's Interim SRTP.
- DCT safety and asset management plans.

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“Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Columbus Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.334 requires that the state and MPO certify, at least every four years, that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements, including:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning requirements);
2. Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as Amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93;
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
4. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or business opportunity;
5. Section 1101(b) of the FAST-Act (Pub. L. 114-94) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT-funded projects;
6. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of the equal employment opportunity program on federal and federal-aid highway construction contracts;
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
9. Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this “self-certification” is separate from the MPO certification done by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, which was last conducted at MORPC in 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite to the receipt of federal financial assistance (per 49 CFR Subtitle A, Section 21.7), MORPC is required to provide the Title VI Assurances included in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 4, 2020 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 6, 2020 recommended approval of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it certifies that the urban transportation planning process is carried out in conformance with all the applicable federal requirements to the degree that is appropriate for the size and complexity of the area.

Section 2. That it provides the Title VI Assurances in Attachment A, Parts 1 and 2.

Section 3. 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.

____________________________________
Karen J Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Prepared by: Nick Gill

Attachments:
A. Part 1 - Standard DOT Title VI Assurances
   Part 2 – Contractor Contractual Requirements
PART 1
STANDARD DOT TITLE VI ASSURANCES

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) hereby agrees that as a condition to receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT), it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and all requirements imposed by 49 CFR Part 21 - Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”) to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which MORPC receives Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. Without limiting the above general assurance, MORPC agrees that:

1. Each “program” and “facility” (as defined in Sections 21.23(e) and 21.23 (b)) will be conducted or operated in compliance with all requirements of the Regulations.

2. It will insert the clauses of Part 2 of this assurance in every contract subject to the Act and the Regulations.

3. This assurance obligates MORPC for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of personal property or real property or interest therein or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates MORPC or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

   (a) the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or

   (b) the period during which MORPC retains ownership or possession of the property.

4. It will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom (s)he delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other sponsors, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants or Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.

5. It agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance for this Project and is binding on MORPC, its contractor, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest and other participants in the Project. The person whose signature appears on this resolution is authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of MORPC.
PART 2
CONTRACTOR CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations.** The contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "DOT"), Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

2. **Nondiscrimination.** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), age (40 years or older), disability, low-income status, or limited English proficiency in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 49 CFR 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B to part 21 of the Regulations.

3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment.** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), age (40 years or older), disability, low-income status, or limited English proficiency.

4. **Information and Reports.** The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), or U.S. DOT to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to MORPC, ODOT or U.S. DOT, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance.** In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, MORPC shall impose such contract sanctions as it, ODOT or the U.S. DOT may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
   a. Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies, and/or
   b. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

6. **Incorporation of Provisions.** The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall include the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 5 in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as MORPC, ODOT or U.S. DOT may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event a contractor or subcontractor(s) becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor or subcontractor(s) may request MORPC or ODOT to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of MORPC or ODOT and, in addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
# Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

**Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** April 9, 2020  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Video/Audio Conference

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Cynthia Vermillion  
Jeffrey White, Village of Galena  
Cathy Youtkus, Knox County

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 and provided instructions for meeting participants.

Chair McGuiness welcomed and introduced new MORPC Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Officer Ralonda Hampton. Ms. Hampton shared she is thrilled to be part of the MORPC Team. She comes to MORPC from the City of Columbus and the Columbus City Council and is looking forward to meeting everyone in person.

MORPC Membership Services Coordinator Eileen Leuby welcomed new Commission representatives Herb Koehler, Village of Granville; Andrew White, City of Powell; and Jeff Gottke, Knox County.

Nominating Committee Report – Erik Janas (Franklin County), Nominating Committee Chair
Erik Janas reported no new nominations have been added to the Nominating Committee recommendations presented last month. The Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions.

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, 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, City of Gahanna Council Member
Nancy White, Mifflin Township Administrator
Greg Lestini, Bricker & Eckler LLP, Attorney, Franklin County representative
Franklin Christman, Village of Ashville Administrator
Chris Amorose Groomes, City of Dublin Mayor

Chair McGuiness opened the floor for nominations, no nominations were made. Jon Bennehoof made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee recommendations, second by Alex Heckman; motion passed.

Remarks from Outgoing Chair and New Chair
Rory McGuiness welcomed and congratulated the newly elected Executive Committee members and officers. Mr. McGuiness shared that it has been his honor to serve as an officer of the Commission. He thanked the officers, Executive Committee, Commission, William Murdock
and MORPC Staff for their support and commitment to the community. Mr. McGuiness is proud of what the Commission has accomplished in the last two years: expanded Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs) in the region; reduced emissions to meet air quality standards resulting in some of the cleanest air in the country; created and implemented the Regional Data Agenda, the Central Ohio Greenways Strategic Plan, the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization, and the Central Ohio Housing Strategy (in process). He is most proud of MORPC encouraging the state to make infrastructure a priority and to increase the motor vehicle user fee and permissive license fee. The incoming leadership team is fantastic. Mr. McGuiness will still be part of the Executive Committee.

Chair Karen Angelou thanked Mr. McGuiness for his commitment to Columbus and to MORPC. She believes his best accomplishment was his part with MORPC in the Smart City Challenge and all he did to make it a winning proposal.

Chair Angelou recognized the new Executive Committee:
- Chris Amorose Groomes – Secretary, City of Dublin
- Karen Angelou – Chair, City of Gahanna
- Franklin Christman, Village of Ashville
- Michelle Crandall, City of Hilliard
- Jennifer Gallagher, City of Columbus
- Erik Janas – Vice Chair, Franklin County
- Greg Lestini, representing Franklin County
- Kim Maggard, City of Whitehall
- Rory McGuiness, City of Columbus
- David Scheffler, City of Lancaster
- Joe Stefanov, City of New Albany
- Nancy White, Mifflin Township

Chair Angelou thanked the Gahanna City Council who appointed her as the representative to MORPC over eight years ago. She is excited and humble to chair an innovative and dedicated commission of 74 communities. MORPC is a convener of information and best practices. All 74 communities are the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission – always supporting each other while moving forward to a higher future.

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

William Murdock thanked Chair Angelou and wished happy Passover to those celebrating today. Mr. Murdock is looking forward to working with those elected today. He thanked Mr. McGuiness – MORPC accomplished great things under his leadership. Mr. Murdock has known Chair Angelou since he worked for the City of Gahanna. He feels fortunate and excited to be working with her over the next two years.

Mr. Murdock thanked the MORPC Team. This is the first all online Commission meeting. He thanked the Commissioners and public who are attending. There are over 100 people online.

Mr. Murdock commended the communities for navigating the health crisis with dignity and compassion. He is grateful for the communities’ leadership over the last few weeks. MORPC is here for the communities, for support, for creative ideas to meet needs. Don’t hesitate to ask MORPC for help.
MORPC is all remote and has been for several weeks. All meetings, even a public open house, are remote. MORPC made the difficult decision to postpone the State of the Region and the Ohio Conference on Freight to 2021. Every other event has been moved online or cancelled. There is no decision yet on the Summit on Sustainability planned for October.

Progress continues on the Regional Housing Strategy. All meetings are an online format. Team Members and Stakeholders are evaluating the situation in lieu of the economy and health crisis and may have to make slight modifications to the timeline to get equitable and adequate public input.

Summer interns are available. Reach out to Eileen Leuby if interested.

MORPC created a resource hub specifically for local governments in Central Ohio. The Central Ohio COVID-19 Resource Hub, available on MORPC’s home page, includes resources, interactive maps, links, etc. MORPC is focused on keeping the information current.

Community briefing calls on the COVID-19 crisis continue on a week-to-week basis. Every Tuesday at 4 p.m. MORPC partners with the Ohio Township Association for the Counties and Townships call. Every Thursday at 4 p.m. MORPC partners with COMMA for the Cities, Villages, and Associate Members call. The calls are tailored to help members with vital information and sharing best practices between local governments.

MORPC needs your help getting the word out about Census 2020. So far, participation in Ohio is not quite 50 percent. A congressional seat and funding are on the line. Aaron Schill and Niel Jurist are MORPC points of contact.

Mr. Murdock thanked members for participating in the impacts of COVID-19 on local government survey and provided a quick report of the results.

- Top 3 Operational Changes
  - All facilities closed to the public; some staff allowed
  - Conducting more public meetings
  - All transactions restricted to remote options
- Top 3 Concerns
  - Staff contracting COVID-19 virus
  - Reduction in revenues
  - Broader community impacts

MORPC will focus on the concerns over the next few weeks. The full analysis of the survey results will be posted on the Central Ohio COVID-19 Resource Hub.

Upcoming Events
- Mid-Ohio Finance Administrators (MOFA), Tuesday, April 14, 12 p.m.
- Newly Elected Legislative Update, Friday, April 17, 8:30 a.m.
- Adaptable Development: Moving Projects & Processes Forward During Uncertain Times, Friday, April 17, 9:30 a.m.
- Regional Housing Strategy: Online Panel on Evictions, Thursday, April 23, 1 p.m.

Mr. Murdock reminded members MORPC is here to help.
Committees

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair
Brad Ebersole presented the Regional Data Advisory Committee Update. The four Working Groups continue work on their deliverables. The Working Groups are: Regional Information & Data, Sustainability Dashboard, Work/Data Policy Toolkit, and Regional Municipal Fiber Network.

Aaron Schill provided updates on Census 2020 and Paving the Way. By now, everyone in Central Ohio should have received an invitation to participate in the census. Several dates were adjusted due to COVID-19. The self-response phase is extended to August 14. Field operations are suspended through April 15. The non-response follow-up start date will move back. There are no changes to the final mandated completion date of December 31, 2020. Redistricting data will be sent to the states by April 1, 2021. Visit https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html to view self-response rates.

The Paving the Way Annual Meeting is moved to April 23. The remote meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, provides an opportunity for local communities to give updates for significant roadwork planned. The meeting will include an overview of systems and a brief training.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Ben Collins (Plain Township), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
Ben Collins presented the Regional Policy Roundtable Update. The Regional Policy Roundtable had a federal update on the CARES Act with Congressman Steve Stivers. The Roundtable will continue to hold special calls as needed.

Whitehall Mayor Kim Maggard, Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity will be the speakers on the Newly Elected Officials call, April 17, 8:30 a.m.

The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is May 12, 11:30 a.m., in a virtual format.

- Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs
  Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity gave the legislative update highlighting the following:
  o HB 197 – addressing the negative effects of coronavirus
  o Effects of COVID-19 on State Government
    ✓ Capital Budget most likely will not be passed this year
    ✓ Possibility of tapping into rainy day fund for public works projects
    ✓ State Budget shortfall of $2 billion
    ✓ Force the re-evaluation of the H2Ohio Program
    ✓ Deferred road maintenance due to lack of drivers (less gas tax being collected)
  o Federal Update on CARES Act
    ✓ About $150 billion for state and local governments
    ✓ $20 billion for transit
    ✓ $10 billion for airport improvement program
    ✓ Paycheck protection program is focused on providing private sectors with relief
✓ Additional $600 per week unemployment benefit
   o Next steps:
     ✓ Beef up the paycheck protection program – needs additional money allocated
     ✓ Expect Congress to look very carefully at funding local government, housing, infrastructure and broadband
     ✓ Expect additional bills to be passed

See the April 2020 Monthly Legislative Update for other legislative news.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
Jim Schimmer presented the Sustainability Advisory Committee Report. The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) formed a sub-committee to review and update the Regional Sustainability Agenda which expires at the end of 2020. Justin Milam from the City of Upper Arlington will lead the sub-committee. Other sub-committee representatives include Franklin County Public Health, Ohio EPA, SWACO, OSU, Honda, Fairfield County Planning Commission, the Columbus Partnership, and more.

Ozone season began March 1. Air Quality Alerts are more likely to occur on hot, sunny days when conditions are right for ozone formation. MORPC is part of a network of agencies that issue daily air quality forecasts and notifies the public when levels become a threat to public health. Sign-up to receive Air Quality Alerts at www.morpc.org/airquality. MORPC is installing several particulate matter monitors in the downtown area to track trends in pollution during the COVID-19 shutdown and after. The goal is to gain a better understanding of air quality metrics during a time when vehicle emissions are at an all-time low.

Trail usage nationwide saw an increase of nearly 200 percent over last year for the week of March 16-22. While this is exciting, it also causes difficulty in social distancing on the trails. MORPC is asking members to share any trail count data they are collecting during this time.

**Transportation Policy Committee** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
Chair Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:31 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:47 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: April 30, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Video/Audio Conference

Commission Members
Chris Amorose Groomes  Jeff Gottke  Allen Rothermel
Karen Angelou    Matt Greeson  Lauren Rummel
Herb Asher       Dave Gulden  Eric Sandine
Beth Beatty      Bill Habig  David Scheffler
Joe Begeny       Tim Hansley  Jim Schimmer
Paul Benedetti  Alex Heckman  Steve Schoeny
Jon Bennehoof   David Henry  Roby Schottke
Pat Blayney      Tom Homan  Michael Schuilk
Stacey Boumis    Pamela Hykes O’Grady  Keena Smith
Marilyn Brown    Erik Janas  Ike Stage
Michaela Burris  Ben Kessler  Ben Stahler
Franklin Christman  Herb Koehler  Joe Stefanov
Matthew Cincione  Jim Lenner  Douglas Stewart
Julie Colley      Greg Lestini  Steve Stolte
Ben Collins      Kim Maggard  Andy Teater
Michelle Crandall  Jason Nicodemus  Tony Vogel
Joy Davis        R. Michael Pettit  Andy Ware
Brad Ebersole    Mark Potts  Nancy White
Terry Emery      Bryan Rhoads  RC Wise
Luke Feeney      Eric Richter
Jennifer Gallagher  Cornell Robertson

Associate Members
Jennifer Fish

Transportation Policy Committee Members
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April Drake  Niel Jurist  Susan Tsen
Craig Fowlkes  Ciel Klein  Robert Williams
Mary Ann Frantz  Eileen Leuby
Joe Garrity  William Murdock

Guests Present
Joyce Beatty, U.S. House of Representatives
Nick Bush
Leslie Diallo
Robin Duffee, Violet Township
Scott Farnin

Ross Goldsmith, Franklin County
Julie Gwinn, ODOT
Patrick Harris
Mike Hochron, Franklin County
Blake Jordan
Rachel Landerman
Meeting Called to Order – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

Chair Karen Angelou called the Commission meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Angelou thanked participants for being part of this historic day; it is the first time MORPC has called a special commission meeting and the first time MORPC will have two U.S. Representatives speaking. The Honorable Joyce Beatty and the Honorable Steve Stivers will provide a COVID-19 related legislative update.

The one action item on the agenda will help MORPC continue to help local communities across Central Ohio through the crisis.

Chair Angelou encouraged members to remember that working together we are strong, we will get through this by supporting each other, and we will create a better tomorrow.

Executive Director’s Remarks – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

William Murdock reminded members that MORPC’s State of the Region was scheduled for April 30. While we are sad that the State of the Region is postponed until next year, Mr. Murdock took a moment to reflect and be grateful for where we are at this moment. The collaboration that the State of the Region celebrates has been on display every day with our community leaders and our medical and emergency personnel working together to keep their communities safe and running.

Mr. Murdock is grateful for the regional and state leaders working together to tackle issues. Mr. Murdock reminded members that MORPC is available if you need extra help. He is grateful for this meeting as MORPC is humbly asking for permission to access critical federal resources.

Mr. Murdock is also grateful for Congresswoman Joyce Beatty and Congressman Steve Stivers joining us today. He thanked them for their leadership and working in a bipartisan fashion to pass the Coronavirus Aid Relief in Economic Security (CARES) Act. They continue to work together to bring relief to the region. Mr. Murdock congratulated both Representatives on their primary victories.


U.S. Representative Joyce Beatty and U.S. Representative Steve Stivers gave an update on congressional efforts to help local governments and communities during the health crisis, highlighting the following:

- Local Government Funding
  - It looks promising that money for state and local governments will be included in the fourth relief package. There are efforts to see that it is not just tied to COVID-19.
Efforts are being made to get the CARES dollars directly to communities below a population of 500,000. Currently those dollars are stuck at the state level. Trying to allow municipal bonds advance refunding. The next stimulus package is about recovery and infrastructure. Nothing defines stimulus and recovery more than public works. There are a lot of projects in the queue. Need to get businesses (especially small businesses) back to work. Need to be creative while following CDC suggested guidelines for safety.

- Housing is an important issue. Worried that once the 120-day temporary foreclosure stay lifts many families will be evicted.
- May do some things on rural internet. Need to look at accessibility and affordability issues for broadband.

Reps. Beatty and Stivers responded to a few questions:

- What is being done for veterans?
  - The Defense Department signed a contract to do clinical testing on a new drug with promising results. While the military needs to continue to do its job, there are concerns from deployed soldiers regarding their close quarters. We need to give commanders the tools they need to protect those in their command. We are getting protective equipment to them. Many VA hospitals shut down elective surgeries. We are working to get protective equipment for VA staff to reopen. We are getting help to veterans with specific needs. Would welcome any ideas that we could or should be doing for our veterans.
- What types of calls are you getting from constituents?
  - They are concerned about unemployment, especially among part-time workers and those under the salary cap to meet traditional unemployment requirements. They can finally start applying for unemployment but won’t get paid for at least two weeks. They receive a lot of calls about the PPE program, the economic impact loans, and stimulus checks. They are starting to hear frustration about understanding what it takes to re-open. Constituents want consistent and stable information.
- What is being done for people in critical situations such as daycare, housing, etc.?
  - That’s another part of the plan. There are so many children in homeless shelters. One suggestion was to use facilities that had prepared for a surge in hospital patients but weren’t needed for the homeless children to have a place to get exercise while practicing social distancing. Some municipalities used small hotels for the homeless population.
- What can local governments do to help you?
  - It is helpful to get advocacy letters and to get endorsements from multiple individuals and organizations. Send the letters to the entire Ohio delegation.
- How are you and your family?
  - Sheltering in place and following the guidelines. We are bigger than this and we will get out of this sooner than we think. This affects all of us. We need to practice social distancing of six feet or more, wear a mask, and wash and sanitize our hands. That’s the key to make the pandemic lessen.

MORPC Team Members will send the questions posed that we were unable to get to due to time constraints to Congresswoman Beatty and Congressman Stivers.
Chair Angelou thanked Representatives Beatty and Stivers and wished them well.

**Proposed Resolution 06-20**: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with a lending institution and receive federal funds up to $475,000 for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to fund staff and other operating costs” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director & Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

MORPC has shifted personnel and resources during the health crisis and work is continuing to move. Some of MORPC’s funding allows us to flex more easily than others. About one-third of the agency works with families in need such as housing repairs and weatherization. Almost all of that work stopped due to the health crisis restrictions. The entire agency pulled together and kept all staff working on things that matter to local governments. However, we can only flex so much. MORPC has a duty to be good stewards to local governments but we also want to keep our employees. MORPC is eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) as a 5013(C). (MORPC received confirmation from the Ohio Auditor of State’s Office.) The PPP is designed to provide 100 percent forgivable loans for employees who maintain their payroll during the COVID-19 emergency. MORPC applied for a PPP loan through US Bank and asked for only what we need. If approved, the funds will allow us to continue agency projects and support our members.

Jon Bennehoof made a motion to approve Resolution 06-20, second by Roby Schottke; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Memorandum

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

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
       Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: May 8, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 05-20: “Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”

Annually, MORPC submits an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for planning funds to continue the metropolitan planning program, as currently defined by the FAST Act. Some of these funds are allocated to MORPC on a “formula” basis, and others are allocated at the discretion of MORPC and other agencies. The appropriate portions of the grants and the local shares are included in the agency budget for 2020.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 (begins July 1, 2020), MORPC is requesting $2,318,778 of new combined Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds, and $289,847 of new ODOT matching funds. The MORPC local share for these grants is $289,847. These are the “formula” funds supporting the base transportation planning.

Historically, MORPC has encouraged ridesharing and vanpools. In SFY 2021 MORPC will be using $700,000 of MORPC Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the ridesharing program.

Other discretionary special projects include $350,000 in MORPC STBG funds for Supplemental Planning that will include seven activities:

1. Project Expedition SFY 2021 – Augment the efforts of the TIP project to ensure the timely completion of projects funded with MORPC-attributable funds.
2. Traffic Monitoring – Augment traffic counts received from local governments by taking traffic counts, including bike and pedestrian counts, at other key locations to maintain the regional model and for other purposes. Also, enhance availability of data on the MORPC website.
3. Data Products and Services – This includes soliciting services and data products that supplement Work Elements 60511-2000 and 60521-2000 (transportation data-related elements).
It includes technical tools and services for promoting data sharing and availability and supporting the Regional Data Advisory Committee.

4. Assistance to Members – Provides planning data, travel demand forecasting, and transportation analysis assistance to members upon request for studies conducted by or for local governments.

5. Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) support - Resources for staff working on RSTI.

6. Conduct resiliency research and planning to prepare the transportation system for a changing climate.

7. Coordinate with other regional activities such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda activities that further the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Goals.

As Central Ohio is designated a “maintenance” area for ozone and for fine particulate matter, MORPC will continue its planning and education efforts for air quality. $550,000 of CMAQ funding will be used for Work Element 66731-8000 for FY 2021.

In FY 2015, a new special project work element was included to administer the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. MORPC as the designated recipient will receive an annual allocation from FTA for staff administration. From FY 2020 approximately $88,000 remains and will be carried forward into FY 2021. The FY 2021 funds will be $113,771 and are included in Work Element 67411-3000.

In FY 2020, a new special project Work Element 67420-3000 was included to allow MORPC to utilize FTA Section 5310 funding to provide Mobility Manager support throughout central Ohio. From FY 2020 approximately $110,000 remains and will be carried forward into FY 2021. The FY 2021 funds will be $104,000 and are included in Work Element 67421-3000.

In FY 2018 MORPC assumed management of the Paving The Way program which had previously been managed by the City of Columbus through an allocation of MORPC STBG funds. MORPC will continue the Paving The Way program through Work Element 66541-0400 in FY 2021 using $100,000 of STBG funds.

MORPC will continue the Technical Assistance Program to assist local governments to implement the principles of insight2050 through Work Element 66571-1000 in FY 2021 using $200,000 of STBG funds.

In total, including other special projects that began in previous MORPC Planning Work Programs (PWPs) and were addressed in previous resolutions, transportation-funded elements of MORPC have remaining funds totaling approximately $5,440,840. A portion may be carried over into SFY 2022. The use of these funds is outlined in the SFY 2021 MORPC PWP that reflects comments from ODOT and FHWA. Attached to Resolution 05-20 is a summary of the draft SFY 2021 MORPC PWP expected to be approved by the Transportation Policy Committee under Resolution T-8-20.

The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) has been created as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) and is staffed by MORPC. $160,748 in ODOT federal and state funds are being requested to continue the CORPO (plus $17,861 of new local matching funds). A PWP for CORPO has also been developed with the work elements included as an attachment to Resolution 05-20.
Resolution 05-20 authorizes the executive director to submit and execute any required grant applications and related agreements including the biennial agreements with ODOT for the MORPC and CORPO transportation planning areas. The resolution also ensures MORPC's compliance with the civil rights statutes required for receipt of federal funds.

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Attachment: Resolution 05-20
RESOLUTION 05-20

“Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is authorized to make grants for transportation planning funds consistent with Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act); and

WHEREAS, these funds are administered in Ohio by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); and

WHEREAS, the contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the transportation planning process is also required to be in compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA); and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. DOT, that in connection with filing applications for assistance, MORPC gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. DOT requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has established procedures for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, and it is the goal of MORPC, within the requirements of U.S. DOT and ODOT, that DBEs be utilized to the maximum extent feasible when procuring equipment, supplies, and services; and

WHEREAS, to do some of the projects in the State Fiscal Year 2021 MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) PWP, it will be necessary to secure matching funds from other agencies and to subcontract work or make purchases per the estimated amounts shown in the attachment; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to file applications with and execute grant agreements on behalf of MORPC with U.S. DOT and ODOT, to aid in financing technical studies and other transportation-related activities.

Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with ODOT to implement 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. §1607, as may be amended, in the Columbus metropolitan planning area, including designation of MORPC as the metropolitan planning organization responsible for conducting the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive urban transportation planning process.

Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with ODOT to conduct transportation planning for the CORPO
including designation of MORPC as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for conducting the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process.

Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to enter into ongoing agreements of cooperation with the counties, incorporated municipalities, and other entities and special districts within the areas for carrying forward the transportation planning process consistent with FAST Act and CAAA.

Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance or any other document required by the U.S. DOT, effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including amendments.

Section 6. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the application for the PWP.

Section 7. That the executive director is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection with the project’s procurement needs.

Section 8. That the following estimated funding be requested from ODOT:

a. $2,318,778 of new combined FHWA PL and FTA Section 5303 funding (plus $289,847 of new MORPC and ODOT matching funds each).

b. $160,748 in ODOT federal and state funds to continue the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (plus $17,861 of new local matching funds).

c. $700,000 of MORPC CMAQ funds to support MORPC vanpool and rideshare matching program.

d. $550,000 in MORPC CMAQ funds for air quality awareness program.

e. $350,000 in MORPC STBG funds for seven activities.

g. $200,000 in MORPC STBG funds for insight2050 Technical Assistance Program.

h. $113,771 in FTA Section 5310 funding for program administration.

i. $104,000 in FTA Section 5310 funding for the Mobility Manager functions.

Section 9. That previously approved projects and activities, with remaining budgets totaling approximately $198,597 in various federal, ODOT, and local funds, be authorized to continue.
Section 10. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements with these or other funding agencies and with any subcontractors or vendors necessary to undertake any of the activities identified in the State Fiscal Year 2021 PWP plans for amounts that have been included in the approved budget of the agency.

Section 11. That the executive director is authorized, if required, to approve one or more extensions of time for performance of services for any of the agreements described in this resolution and to receive funds or issue change orders not to exceed 25 percent of the original total of the agreement amounts without further authorization from this Commission.

Section 12. 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 13. 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
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: May 14, 2020
Submitted by: Thea Ewing, Director of Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Prepared by: Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For Action Date: May 14, 2020

Attachment A: List of Activities to be Subcontracted
Attachment B: Summary State Fiscal Year 2021 MORPC Planning Work Program
Attachment C: State Fiscal Year 2021 CORPO Planning Work Program Work Elements
List of activities to be subcontracted:

1. Gohio Commute marketing/advertising/vanpool subsidies/ride-matching software – Approximately $40,000 is budgeted for miscellaneous printing, marketing and advertising to multiple vendors, $31,000 for vanpool subsidies to various vanpool providers, and $10,000 for ride-matching software (MORPC part, other MPOs also participating in a shared services arrangement).

2. Air Quality Awareness marketing/advertising – During SFY 2021, approximately $25,000 is budgeted for air quality-related printing, travel, outreach, marketing and advertising to multiple vendors. An additional $80,000 is budgeted for ozone and particulate forecasting services.

3. Up to $44,000 is subcontracted for traffic counting services.

All other funds received and contracts to be let were or will be addressed by other resolutions, if required.
**SUMMARY**

**FISCAL YEAR 2021 MORPC PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

**Notes on Listing**
Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2021) $5,480,840
$5,440,840 is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2021 or subsequent years.

### I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

**Total Budget** $2,898,472

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<td>60111-1000</td>
<td><strong>Active Transportation Planning</strong>&lt;br&gt; MORPC assists local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. More specifically, this activity works to maintain the regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian- and bicycle-related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, coordinate and assist with safety education, work on specific projects, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts.</td>
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<td>60111-1000</td>
<td><strong>Planning assistance</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Active Transportation Plan</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Non-motorized system monitoring</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Complete Streets Outreach and Implementation</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Conduct special studies and projects related to active transportation</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Education</strong></td>
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<td>60121-3000</td>
<td><strong>Management &amp; Operations Planning</strong>&lt;br&gt; Managing and maintaining the extensive existing transportation system is a priority of transportation agencies. This work element coordinates on the benefits of a holistically managed transportation system. Helping members collaborate on M&amp;O, advancing ITS including connected infrastructure and CV/AV, access management, estimating costs to maintain the condition of the transportation system including pavement management and deficient bridges, etc., and incorporating security and emergency response into the planning process. Monitoring freight rail activities and analyzing for developing trends; meeting one-on-one with communities that are impacted by freight; and providing timely information via the web. Monitoring goods movement-related legislation and other regional freight initiatives.</td>
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<td>60121-3000</td>
<td><strong>Condition report of highway system and resources</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Access Management</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Maintain Regional ITS Architecture</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Participation and education on freight initiatives</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Transportation security assistance</strong></td>
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<td>60131-1000</td>
<td><strong>Safety Planning</strong>&lt;br&gt; Safety continues to be a significant focus for FHWA, ODOT and the entire region. This activity works to gather crash data, conduct crash data analyses to provide regional high-crash location lists, reports on safety meetings, encourages local governments to apply for funding to implement safety countermeasures, conducts pre- and post-crash data analysis for safety projects to evaluate the benefits of each countermeasure, and implements the regional systematic safety improvements.</td>
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<td>60131-1000</td>
<td><strong>Regional crash data analysis</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Regional Safety Education</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Member assistance</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Participation in local and state safety committees</strong></td>
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**Project Evaluation**
Special projects and studies

**60151-3000  Transit and Human Services Planning**
$75,000
Coordination, assistance, and oversight to improve transit service and workforce mobility. Work includes integration of all aspects of transit and mobility to ensure that an adequate level of access is afforded to all populations while improving the range of options for meeting diverse mobility needs.

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

**60201-3000  Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation**
$275,000
The TIP is one of the two required items to allow for the flow of federal and state transportation funds into the region. This activity includes the development, update and revisions of the TIP, monitoring of federally funded projects, coordination of federally funded infrastructure projects with projects funded from other sources, allocation of STBG, CMAQ, and TAP funding, the TRAC process, environmental studies and engineering source document review, innovative financing, and financing education. Specific activities for the year are listed below.

**Products/Activities**
- Maintain the SFY 2021-2024 TIP
- Prioritized list of regional projects for TRAC
- Collaboration on innovative project delivery and financing options for projects
- Reports on the status of federally funded projects & annual obligation report
- Program of projects to use MORPC-attributable funding

**60511-2000  Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data**
$445,000
This element pertains to MORPC’s role as a leader in coordinating data providers throughout the region, as well as managing its own internal data and GIS systems. It includes using technology for collecting, maintaining and sharing data sets that support transportation programs. It includes keeping data sets current and organized, and managing and monitoring the GIS system. In addition, it includes advancing collaboration among local data providers to reduce redundancies and improve efficiencies associated with information management.

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

**60521-2000  Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs**
$400,000
Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools developed through 60511-2000 to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. In addition, MORPC functions as a regional resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs. This element includes aspects of research associated with fulfilling those requests.

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

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Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications

$270,000

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

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

Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

$290,000

The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the major requirement of the MPO, including coordinating all Transportation Plan-related activities. This includes any follow-up to the just completed 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and initial steps of the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan to be adopted in 2024. This activity is also to coordinate with state and local agencies on transportation studies and plans. Specific activities this year are listed below.

Products/Activities
- 2020-2050 MTP Follow-up
- Complete long-range system studies
- Coordination with ODOT planning activities
- Intercity transportation service planning
- Functional Class, National Highway System, and Regional Thoroughfare Plan
- insight2050 resource updates and outreach

Transportation Public Involvement

$118,472

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

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

Planning Coordination and Support

$200,000

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

Products/Activities
- Informational Meetings
- Regional Collaboration Group Meetings
- Member Education
- Planning Technical Assistance Program

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69711-3000

Program Administration

$105,000

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

Products/Activities

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

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## II. Special Studies

**Total Budget** $1,332,368

$40,000 spent prior to SFY 2021  
**Balance for SFY 2021 or later** $1,292,368

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<td>66507-1000</td>
<td>Central Ohio Greenways Planning</td>
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<td>$200,000</td>
<td>MORPC and the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board will work with the ULI Columbus on a branding and feasibility study to build out the largest greenspace system in the country with paved, linear regional and community connector trails to ensure a safe, accessible, and equitable implementation of the Regional Trail Vision.</td>
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| 100% MORPC STBG with Toll Credit | Products/Activities  
Trail Planning & Mapping  
Trail Assistance  
Funding Guidance  
Outreach & Storytelling |
| 66541-0400   | Paving The Way |
| $100,000     | The purpose of this work element is to provide transportation project construction and other road closure information to the public. Paving the Way acts as a liaison between the government agencies implementing projects and the public, and it is unique in that it provides information on all projects affecting traffic regardless of which agency (state, local, or utility) is responsible. Paving the Way addresses construction management and communication on a regional, rather than project, basis. The program regularly provides information and education to the public on roadway construction, traffic management, and work zone safety and alternative transportation options with the goal of ensuring that drivers experience the least possible inconvenience while traveling in and around Central Ohio. |
| 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit | Products/Activities  
Project Coordination  
Communications and Outreach |
| 66561-3000   | Supplemental Planning |
| $350,000     | This work element supplements the formula-funded program and includes research and planning efforts that are required to fulfill MPO planning and project implementation responsibilities. The activity includes elements that supplement project delivery, data collection and data management, RSTI support, long-range studies and sustainability. Specific activities this year are listed below. |
| 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit | Products/Activities  
Regular reports to members and MORPC committees on project delivery  
Traffic counts for approximately 200 locations, including bike and pedestrian counts as identified in active transportation count plan  
Implement projects to address the goals, objectives, and action items detailed in the Regional Data Agenda.  
Provide special services and conduct special transportation studies  
Support for the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) activities  
Resiliency Planning  
Coordination with other regional activities such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda to further the 2020-2050 MTP goals |
| 66571-1000   | Technical Assistance Program |
| $200,000     | The purpose of this work element is to provide technical planning assistance to support individual communities with effective integration of insight2050 findings into local land use and transportation plans. Services will be provided for specific community planning and development projects related to transportation, air quality, traffic, and other projects that support consideration of transportation in land use planning and/or demonstrate the benefits of various modes of transportation. Part of this work element is to maintain online references, tools, policies, and expertise developed under this PWP work element. |
| 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit | Products/Activities  
Planning Assistance |

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Outreach
Maintenance of insight2050 resources

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

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

5310 Designated Recipient-2021
This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for each federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients.

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

Mobility Management 2020
This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area.

Products/Activities
- Engagement
- Increase capacity
- Information coordination
- State and local coordination
- Awareness and accessibility

Mobility Management 2021
This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area.

Products/Activities
- Engagement
- Increase capacity
- Information coordination
- State and local coordination
- Awareness and accessibility

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Monday, April 27, 2020
### III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

**Total Budget** $1,250,000

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<td>66711-3000</td>
<td>Transportation Services (Ridesharing)</td>
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<td>$700,000</td>
<td>Promote Travel Demand Reduction (TDM) in Central Ohio; and market programs and service in a 15-county area. Program services include carpool matching, vanpool formation, transit, bike and pedestrian support and strategies for employers and the general public. MORPC administers an emergency ride home program, vanpool program, and a multiregional rideshare matching vendor contract in coordination with OARC rideshare agencies.</td>
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<td>100% MORPC CMAQ</td>
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<td>Promote a culture of sustainable and smart multimodal travel throughout Central Ohio. Public education and ridematching services</td>
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<td>Raise public awareness about mobility options in the region. Increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance to improve air quality</td>
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<td>National Transit Database reporting</td>
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<td>Program evaluation and strategic plan</td>
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<td>Promote TDM services in diverse and underserved populations</td>
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<td>66731-1000</td>
<td>Air Quality Awareness</td>
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<td>$550,000</td>
<td>In 2001, MORPC began a year-round daily air quality forecasting service for ground-level ozone and particulate matter in order to track and report poor air quality to the public, businesses, and organizations. This work element ensures that MORPC continues air pollution forecasting and educating its members and the public on the importance of air quality, its health and environmental impacts, and how to reduce air pollution. Educating the public, issuing air quality alerts, and understanding the impacts of air quality on our communities is an important complement to transportation planning and funding. It ensures: 1) that the public understands the benefits of non-motorized and alternative-fueled transportation, 2) technology enhancement for more efficient transportation to reduce congestion and 3) that they have the knowledge to protect their health from air pollution caused by fossil-fueled transportation. Strategies for reducing fuel use include providing technical assistance, such as outreach, data benchmarking and analysis, assessments, and planning services to assist communities in advancing alternative fuel and other transportation-related choices which reduce emissions and energy use.</td>
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<td>100% MORPC CMAQ</td>
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<td>Operate a year-round daily air quality forecasting and alert system to communicate important air quality information to Central Ohio residents</td>
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<td>Conduct special studies and projects related to air quality</td>
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<td>Planning and policy assistance</td>
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IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget $0

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<td><strong>Ongoing Local Planning</strong></td>
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<td>Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget.</td>
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<td>No funding</td>
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<td>Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes</td>
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| **67401-3000** | **Ongoing COTA Activities** |
| $0 | This work element is for coordination with COTA to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in the COTA service area, mainly in Franklin County and in portions of adjacent counties. No budget. |
| No funding | **Products/Activities** |
| | COTA's planning process |
| | Continued refinement of COTA Long-Range Plan and other planning activities |
| | Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update |
| | Service change planning |
| | COTA safety and asset management plans |

| **67402-3000** | **Ongoing DCT Activities** |
| $0 | This work element is for coordination with DCT to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in Delaware County. No budget. |
| No funding | **Products/Activities** |
| | DCT's planning process and requirements needed to receive federal urban area and state funds |
| | Implement recommendations from DCT's Interim SRTP. |
| | DCT safety and asset management plans. |

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FY 2021 CORPO PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
WORK ELEMENTS

Short Range Planning No. 60191-3000

Short-range planning services help members make progress on the objectives established in the CTP. The FAST Act encourages areas to be innovative in the way they manage and operate the system to ensure people and goods move efficiently, safely, and in the most secure way possible. CORPO will support the management and operation of the transportation system by reporting on its conditions and identifying resources to meet established performance measures.

MAP-21 established a core Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that is structured and funded to make significant progress in reducing highway fatalities. This law requires state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to implement a State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and to address safety issues in their regions. CORPO’s safety planning work will help the state meet this requirement.

Active transportation planning ensures that non-motorized transportation facilities are constructed as part of a multi-modal transportation system and that performance measures are in place to guide engineering, education, and enforcement practices that enhance their usage and the safety of non-motorists.

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<td>Condition report of highway system and funding: Assess current condition of highway system by collecting pavement condition summaries from ODOT and local agencies. Assist members in identifying resources needed to bring it to an acceptable standard and in applying for funding. Coordinate effort with the ODOT Asset Management System</td>
<td>CORPO/Local Governments</td>
<td>As needed for TIP and CTP</td>
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<td>Safety planning and safety funding applications: Encourage members to address safety concerns through engineering and enforcement measures. Assist them with their applications for safety funding. Conduct special studies and projects related to transportation safety such as intersection modifications as requested by members or ODOT.</td>
<td>CORPO/Local Governments/Others</td>
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<td>Active transportation planning: Assist local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing active transportation infrastructure that includes both bike and pedestrian facility. Assist members with trail planning and development and complete streets.</td>
<td>CORPO/ODOT/Local Governments</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Transit Planning: Coordinate with both public and private transit and mobility providers on public transit and human services planning. Assist members with related grant applications (5310, 5307, OTP2, Etc), planning documents and meeting planning.</td>
<td>CORPO &amp; Local governments and transit Agencies</td>
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Total Work Element Budget: $40,000 $32,000 FHWA, $4,000 ODOT, $4,000 MORPC

PID#: 109396
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation No. 60291-3000

This element is to prepare and continue to maintain an updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through this element. CORPO will identify federal, state and other resources to make local improvements and coordinate them with traditional federal resources.

This element also involves the monitoring and coordination of progress for projects in the TIP. As-needed amendments to the TIP are completed. Periodic reports concerning the status of federal funds are made to the CORPO committees. CORPO also participates in public involvement opportunities conducted as part of the development of regionally significant transportation improvements including transit projects.

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<td>2021-2024 TIP: Coordinate with ODOT Districts 5 and 6, MORPC, transit providers and local agencies on project information for amendments to the TIP. Coordinate with ODOT Central Office on TIP update and amendment schedules.</td>
<td>CORPO</td>
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<td>Collaboration on project delivery and financing options for projects: As needed, work with local jurisdictions to identify project funding mechanisms and coordinate them with the use of federal, state and other locally available resources, including coordination with OPWC’s SCIP-/LTIP-funded projects. Assist with special funding opportunities such as TIGER and INFRA. Work with our public and private partners to bring projects that are extremely time-sensitive online as quickly as possible.</td>
<td>CORPO &amp; Local Agencies</td>
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Total Work Element Budget: $30,000 $24,000 FHWA, $3,000 ODOT, $3,000 MORPC

PID#: 109396
Data and Analysis

Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization. In addition, CORPO intends to function as a resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs.

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<td>Provide GIS and technical assistance to members:</td>
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<td>Coordinate with the modeling team to be responsive to new data needs associated</td>
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<td>with the travel demand model. Prepare land use forecasts for traffic studies.</td>
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<td>Provide demographic and economic data for studies as needed.</td>
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<td>Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support</td>
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<td>decision-making: Create data visualizations to make finding and retrieving</td>
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<td>information easy for users for transportation planning purposes: Produce data-</td>
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<td>driven reports for a quick view of facts and figures about communities and the</td>
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<td>Respond to and document requests: Answer questions from government, residents,</td>
<td>CORPO/MORPC</td>
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<td>academia and businesses for transportation and demographic data.</td>
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Total Work Element Budget: $38,609 $30,887 FHWA, $3,861 ODOT, $3,861 MORPC
PID#: 109396
Long Range Transportation Planning  
No. 61091-3000

This work element is the creation and maintenance of the Long-Range Rural Transportation Plan and related activities. The plan examines the region’s transportation needs at least 20 years into the future and proposes a multimodal network to meet the region’s needs. Work includes maintenance activities for the current 2018-2040 long-range rural transportation plan completed in 2018. This activity also includes coordination with local governments and other transportation agencies, participating in special long-range planning efforts, monitoring and reporting on federal and state transportation legislation, regulations, and policies, and integrating transportation into other regional planning efforts.

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<th>Product: Method</th>
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<td>Maintain the 2018 – 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Amend as needed.</td>
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<td>Support Knox and Morrow County Freeway/Expressway Access Study: Identify travel and other mobility issues in southern Knox and Morrow counties. Gather and analyze existing traffic data. Full study including analyzing future traffic, identifying conceptual solutions and further stakeholder involvement would be supplemented with additional funding outside the PWP.</td>
<td>CORPO/Knox County/Morrow County</td>
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<td>Madison County Thoroughfare Plan: Assist Madison County in developing a thoroughfare plan for the county to support development and access management regulations.</td>
<td>CORPO/Madison County</td>
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<td>Industrial Parkway Study Support: provide information on existing and future travel information on the industrial Parkway Corridor from Dublin to Marysville to support the Union County Engineer’s study of the corridor.</td>
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<td>Coordinate with ODOT planning activities: Identify and coordinate with special studies; projects that are in the early steps of development and the update to AccessOhio 2045(AO45), the statewide transportation plan. Coordinate with ODOT on implementing strategies in AO45 within CORPO.</td>
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<td>Complete other long-range system studies: Use regional data and resources and technical expertise in highway, thoroughfare, transit, pedestrian, access management, freight and bikeway planning to analyze specific long-range transportation needs to assist members.</td>
<td>CORPO, Local Governments</td>
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Total Work Element Budget: $70,000  $56,000 FHWA, $7,000 ODOT, $7,000 MORPC
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