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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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Thursday, August 13, 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 Guests and New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

3. One MORPC One Voice: Impact of COVID-19 on the Community Shelter Board – Michelle Heritage, Community Shelter Board Executive Director

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

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

2:00 p.m.

Committees

5. Sustainability Advisory Committee – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
6. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Ben Collins (Plain Township), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
   a. **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives

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

2:30 p.m.

8. **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
      - Planning & Sustainability – Kerstin Carr, Director
   c. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
      1) Approval of June 11, 2020 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
   d. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

9. **Commission Consent Agenda**
   a. Approval of June 11, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes
   b. **Proposed Resolution 08-20**: “To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the Federal Home Loan Bank Pittsburgh (FHLB) for $750,000 to perform exterior and interior home repairs leveraged with MORPC’s WarmChoice weatherization program”
   c. **Proposed Resolution 09-20**: “Authorizing the executive director to amend MORPC’s building lease”
   d. **Proposed Resolution 10-20**: “Authorizing the executive director to apply for and enter into agreements for emergency assistance if needed”
   e. **Proposed Resolution 11-20**: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into a 2021-2025 Professional Services Agreement and associated annual Statements of Work with NiSource Corporate Services Company for the WarmChoice Program”
   f. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

10. **Other Business**
3:00 p.m.  

11. **Adjourn** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

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The next Commission Meeting is 
Thursday, September 10, 2020, 1:30 p.m. 
*Video/Audio Conference*
MORPC Monthly Agency Report
June/July 2020

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COVID-19 Advocacy and Updates
MORPC’s Government Affairs Team is working in partnership with regional partners and our Congressional delegation to encourage new funding for state and local governments that is robust, dedicated, and flexible in the next federal COVID-19 stimulus bill. Flexibility for use of funds going forward is very important and is equally matched with the need for additional resources for the response. Congress must address the unprecedented revenue shortfalls state and local governments face.

The Government Affairs Team continues to provide legislative updates on two calls MORPC has been convening in partnership with the Franklin County Township Association and the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (COMMA).

Team Members continued to host a series of stakeholder discussions on Regional Trends and Policy Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic.

MORPC participated on the OSU Panel regarding the 2020 Census and COVID-19: Implications for Communities.

Regional Policy Roundtable
Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity provided updates on the following legislation at the July 21 Regional Policy Roundtable Meeting:
- Federal relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill
- National Defense Authorization Act
- HB 476 (Eminent Domain)
- HB 163 (Water Utility)
- SB 285 (Distracted Driving)
- HB 13 (Broadband Expansion)

Public Policy Agenda Working Group
Led by Mayor David Scheffler, the Public Policy Agenda Working Group is tasked with updating MORPC public policy priorities for 2021-2022. This region has its usual policy priorities to update related to regionalism, transportation, sustainability, and data & digital infrastructure. It will also address the impact COVID-19 will have on local governments and racial and social
equity. The group met July 16 and will meet in August and September in order to present a draft agenda to the Regional Policy Roundtable in October.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
MORPC’s MTP (and Transportation Improvement Program) received conformity determination from US DOT effective July 1. This designation means that the MTP documentation demonstrates conformity for 2008 and 2015 ozone standards within the Columbus-Newark, Ohio area and conforms to the state implementation plan in accordance with EPA provisions.

5310 Designated Recipient
MORPC Team Members are developing a transportation provider database to be used for a mobility matching tool that will help increase the independence and quality of life of older adults, people with disabilities, and people with low incomes.

MORPC Team Members are coordinating a Central Ohio Mobility Management Working Group meeting as a result of the Mobility Management Peer Exchange. The August 2020 meeting will address next steps and mobility program updates among mobility managers, transit agencies, planners, and other stakeholders within the ODOT Human Service Transportation Coordination Region 6.

People Who Bike Campaign
Gohio Team Members are partnering with Central Ohio Greenways and Move Your Way, a Columbus Public Health program, to develop a biking campaign for August 2020. The campaign is called People Who Bike and aims to break down stereotypes of cyclists and encourage Central Ohio residents of all ages to bike for transportation and recreation.

As part of the campaign, Gohio Team Members are working with partners to plan a bike package donation to a low-income family in Columbus. The donation includes helmets, bike lights, and anything else the family might need to bike safely and comfortably. The family was identified through a Columbus YMCA.

Gohio Commute Vanpool Program started a new vanpool route from Wellston to Chillicothe transporting essential personnel to the Chillicothe VA hospital.

Gohio Commute is starting a pilot Emergency Ride Home Program for the Chillicothe Area. The Gohio Commute vanpool program supports over one hundred essential workers commuting to the Chillicothe VA Hospital. To provide a quicker pickup time for Emergency ride homes, MORPC will be contracting with a local provider for this service.

Gohio Commute Staff is participating on the Association of Commuter Transportation (ACT) Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce. The taskforce will lay the framework for establishing a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, the first committee its kind for ACT.

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)
Information folios summarizing the completed components of the Tier I Environmental Impact Statement for the passenger rail project are being prepared and will be released by end of August.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
CORPO subcommittee meetings are scheduled for late August/early September.
CORPO is assisting with the development of MORPC’s CARES Act funding application which will allow MORPC to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for an 11-county area that includes CORPO member counties.

The CORPO website is being updated to include rural-specific funding opportunities and details on how CORPO member counties may apply. CORPO staff assisted in the data gathering, analysis and project identification for their members’ potential application for a Small Cities Grant.

CORPO Team Members participated in the MORPC-led Rural One Forums hosted by three of CORPO’s member counties.

**MORPC Attributable Funding**

MORPC received commitment updates for 25 projects on which were previously awarded MORPC Attributable Funds. Additionally, 34 screening applications were received for the upcoming round of Attributable Funds. MORPC Team Members are reviewing the screening applications. The commitment updates and screening applications will be discussed at the August 5 Attributable Funds Committee meeting. Projects for which a screening application was received are eligible to submit a final application by October 9, 5 p.m. Over $190 million of MORPC funding was requested on the screening applications; $50 to $60 million is expected to be available this round.

**Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)**

OPWC announced in July that it will allow districts to solicit applications for FY22 (Round 35) of the State Capital Improvements Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (SCIP/LTIP) in anticipation of a state capital budget bill being approved in time to release project agreements on July 1, 2021. District 3 submitted its policies and criteria to OPWC for approval. An announcement that applications are available will be made once OPWC approval is received. It is anticipated that applications for SCIP/LTIP funding will be available around July 31 for local governments in Franklin County. Applications will be due approximately 60 days following the announcement.

**Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)**

ODOT’s TRAC is tasked with distributing funds for major capital projects that exceed $12 million in cost, significantly reduce congestion, and support workforce access and job creation. This year’s TRAC funding process kicked-off April 22. Funding request applications were submitted June 15-July 15. Twenty applications were submitted statewide, with a total of $275 million requested for TRAC projects across the state. Five applications are within MORPC’s MPO area requesting a total of $81.5 million for Central Ohio projects. The MORPC area TRAC projects submitted include:

- Far East Freeway Phases 2 & 3, submitted by District 6, requesting $48.1 million ($1.1 million for right-of-way, $47 million for construction)
- Far East I-70/Taylor Road/SR-256 interchange improvements, submitted by District 5, requesting $5 million for preliminary engineering
- I-270 & US-23 Southside interchange improvements, submitted by District 6, requesting $14 million for construction
- Southeast US-33/Pickerington Road/Allen Road new interchange, submitted by District 5, requesting $11.4 million ($1 million for preliminary engineering, $0.4 million for detailed design, and $10 million for right-of-way)
- I-71 and Big Walnut new interchange, submitted by the Delaware County Engineer Office, requesting $3 million for right-of-way
In early August MORPC will post one-page summaries of each project and begin public comment on the projects as part of MORPC evaluation and ranking of the submittals. The adoption of the MORPC ranking occurs in October with presentation to the TRAC on October 14.

Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
The NRAC meets August 10 to approve policies and criteria for Round 15. The state appropriated funds for Round 15 of the Clean Ohio Conservation program in July, so applications will be solicited as usual, with preliminary screening applications due in December.

Competitive Advantage Projects
MORPC continues to work with Ice Miller on developing Innovative Funding Strategies for a variety of Competitive Advantage Projects. Ice Miller anticipates that a final report, including the innovative funding concepts, will be available in the coming months.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)
Working Group Updates:
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Working Group met June 2 and July 16 to review and plan for RIDG user group meetings and discuss the Steering Committee Transition Plan.
- The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group continues their work via the Fiber Network Subgroup. The Working Group met June 16 to discuss the development of a local government survey and a non-disclosure agreement.
- The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group met July 10. MORPC and CURA Staff are working to incorporate member suggestions and beta testing findings into the finished product. Next steps are to complete the technical changes, continue data acquisition work, finalize the narrative, and coordinate with the Communications & Engagement Team for its anticipated launch around Labor Day.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) user group met July 22. The meeting topics were Census Differential Privacy and the Economic Impact of COVID-19.

Broadband Access Pilot Program
MORPC is working with local partners on the Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program, a $3.7 million public-private program that addresses immediate digital device and access needs of low-income K-12 students in Central Ohio for the 2020-2021 school year delivering refurbished PCs, hotspot devices, and broadband access beginning August 2020.

PCs for People
MORPC Team Members participated in the PCs for People Computer Distribution events on June 4 and June 18, distributing over 300 personal computers to Central Ohio residents.

Active Transportation Plan Working Group
Team Members officially kicked off the 2020 update to the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) June 16 with the ATP Working Group. This group consists of key regional stakeholders who will guide staff in updating the ATP. The next ATP Working Group meeting is September 1.

Active Transportation Committee
The Active Transportation Committee met July 7. This was the first meeting since the Active Transportation Working Group was formalized as a subcommittee to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Guest Speaker Stefanie Brodie from Toole Design Group spoke on the
topic of Equity in Active Transportation and initiated discussion amongst the members on how the region can better address the inequities present in the existing transportation system.

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts**
Team Members are coordinating with regional partners to conduct annual short duration counts for the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Trail Monitoring Area. These counts will be conducted throughout the region on key segments of the COG network to track trends in trail use over time. Team Members are also working to analyze the increase in trail use during Ohio’s COVID-19 stay-at-home order.

**insight2050 Technical Assistance Program (TAP)**
Team Members held an internal stakeholder workshop for the City of Hilliard to develop a vision for the Cemetery Road site area land use and transportation infrastructure on July 16. Team Members began identifying spatial data to develop the City of Columbus Speed Management Framework project. Team Members continued work on the best practices report for the Cemetery Road (Hilliard) project and the Blacklick Station (Jefferson Township) project.

**Regional Housing Strategy**
The Project Team led several workshops for community leaders, housing lenders, and local governments. Each workshop invited participants to identify opportunities to leverage the resources of their unique sector (business, non-profit, housing finance, local government) toward implementing the strategies that have been vetted by the project stakeholders. The outcomes of these engagements will be detailed in a summary report. Work continues among the Project Team to complete summaries of the technical analyses that will be available as part of the final project.

Team Members are developing a Regional Housing Strategy Hub similar to the COVID-19 Hub on MORPC’s website.

**Transportation Safety**
MORPC Team Members are working to launch the first annual Central Ohio Transportation Safety Forum. The Forum is an opportunity for Central Ohio stakeholders to learn about regional projects as well as guide MORPC in implementing the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan. Additional details, including a keynote speaker announcement, are expected mid-August.

Team Members participated in numerous meetings throughout the month of June to help guide the update to the Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). ODOT must complete the update before the end of this year for the state to continue receiving federal safety funds.

Team Members participated in the quarterly SHSP Steering Committee meeting on July 1. As of that date, no budget cuts had been assessed to the ODOT safety program due to COVID-19. While traffic fatalities dipped throughout March and April due to fewer vehicles on the roadways, fatalities increased in May and June, bringing the state back up to within two percent of the fatalities reported at this time last year. As of July 1, 485 fatalities had been reported for the state.

Team Members assisted our partners at Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) in hosting the June 2 quarterly Ohio Association of Regional Councils’ (OARC) Safety Working Group meeting. Guest speakers included:
- Jinhyung Lee, Adam Porr, and Harvey Miller from the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) at OSU regarding their recent study on speeding during Ohio’s COVID-19 stay-at-home order.
Jeremy Thompson (ODOT) spoke about the Highway Safety Improvement Program.
Cait Harley (ODOT) spoke about Walk.Bike.Ohio and how the plan recommendations regarding pedestrian and bicyclist safety will be incorporated into the SHSP update.
Michelle May (ODOT) presented on Senate Bill 285, “Hands-Free Ohio.”

**Sustainable2050**
At the June 26 Sustainable2050 meeting, participants heard from recently certified members: City of Bexley, City of Delaware, and MORPC, and received an overview of the process underway to update the Regional Sustainability Agenda.

**Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board**
The COG Board met July 15 to review and discuss Working Group Projects:
- The Trail Development Working Group is on track to complete the Trail & Active Transportation Prioritization Project by this Fall. The group also shared an initial draft of a COG Urban Greenway Design Guide, a document that will provide guidance and inspiration to partners as they plan trail projects that are co-located with existing rights of way and urban environments.
- The Marketing & Communications Working Group is collaborating with the MORPC Mode-Shift Coalition on the People Who Bike campaign mentioned earlier in this report.
- The Operations & Access Working Group is exploring an opportunity to collaborate on trail and multi-use path wayfinding with COG partners.
- The Partnership Working Group is on track to complete the Environmental & Health Impacts of Trails Study this fall and was recently awarded funding from The Columbus Foundation to conduct a second phase of the study to look at economic and social equity impacts of trails.

**Sustaining Scioto Board**
At their June 24 meeting, the Sustaining Scioto Board approved Board by-laws and reviewed a plan to apply to the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for funding to support implementation of water quality monitoring strategies. The strategies will support climate change adaptation to maintain and improve water quality in the Upper Scioto watershed. After this meeting, MORPC Team Members met with stakeholders for input regarding the planned funding application, due July 31, and distributed a written survey to gather input.
- Agriculture & Rural Communities Outreach Team: Jessica d’Ambrosio is Chair of the Agriculture & Rural Communities Outreach Team. The Team’s first meeting follows the August Sustaining Scioto Board meeting.

**Energy & Air Quality**
The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met July 28 and discussed how to use equity as a lens for considering future projects, policies to elevate to the Sustainability Advisory Committee, and future member recruitment.
- The Air Quality Sensor Subgroup met June 19 and prioritized metrics for identifying vulnerable neighborhoods to target for air quality sensor siting.
- The Solar Toolkit is available on MORPC’s website. The September 9 session of the Energy Academy features an in-depth review of the toolkit.

MORPC Team Members are developing a strategy to attract more minorities to serve and participate on the working group.

**Local Government Energy Partnership (LGEP)**
Team Members are developing programming for the Local Government Energy Partnership as it streamlines in order to prepare for new opportunities in 2021. The Local Government Energy Partnership’s current funding ends at the end of this year.
Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)
The Sustainability Advisory Committee met June 17 and approved the Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) Vision and Principles, which was developed with the input of the Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee and MORPC leadership. The SAC also approved an updated Trail Vision proposed by the COG Board.

- The Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) Subcommittee met June 25 to focus on updating the RSA using the input received at the SAC meeting encouraging more equitable engagement. Staff presented on sustainability topics that align with the quality of life priorities that have been identified in local community planning projects and suggested potential stakeholder groups for input. Members and staff plan to create a more equitable process, develop an inclusive stakeholder engagement strategy, propose changes to the RSA with an equity lens, and solicit additional input from Sustainable2050 members via survey. For example, strengthening our list of stakeholder groups to contact for input – especially those who can speak to priorities and challenges faced by marginalized communities. Member Alex Slaymaker has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair.

Diversity & Inclusion
MORPC continues to provide support for our members regarding their diversity, inclusion and equity efforts. To date, MORPC has met with four member agencies to assist them in evaluating and strengthening their efforts to end systemic racism.

The Communications & Engagement Department is evaluating its strategies to strengthen its outreach and marketing efforts to ensure we are being intentional in being inclusive and having public input from diverse groups, in particular African American and other marginalized groups that have been historically left out of planning efforts. The Central Ohio Greenways Survey was sent to the following groups/organization: Columbus Area Commissions, New Americans Council, the Department of Neighborhoods, African American Male Wellness Initiative, Sororities, Fraternities and more.

Events
- MORPC Social Media Forum – *Engagement Through the Lens of Social Media* was held July 29, 2020. The event had 250 registrants and a recording of the forum will be available through MORPC’s Social Media platforms.
- MORPC along with our Smart Region Task Force is hosting a three-part web series that focuses on: Virtual Engagement, Emerging Trends in Technologies, and Infrastructure + Technology. Save the Date for the first web series focused on Virtual Engagement on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. More details to come.
- Save the Date for the Regional Housing Strategy Event on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. To register for the event visit [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regional-housing-strategy-tickets-113781148478](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regional-housing-strategy-tickets-113781148478).
- Save the Date for the Summit on Sustainability October 15-16, 2020. The summit will be held virtually. More details can be found at [www.morpc.org/summit](http://www.morpc.org/summit).

Membership Services
Membership Services continues to serve members through bi-weekly COVID-19 forums; the summer internship program, member visits, new board orientations, and coordinating multiple forums and events.
MORPC in the News (www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews)
Links to press releases and news article for the month are available at

Housing
After being on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Franklin County Urgent Needs (FCUN) program 2018 has restarted. Twenty-two projects are complete; others will be restarted as contractors make arrangements with clients. This program was due to wrap up by June 30; however, an extension of time for completion has been granted through December 2020. The FCUN 2019 has also restarted. No extension of funding was requested as the plan is to be caught up by late fall.

The COCIC home repair program will also restart.

Housing Team Members are working on a grant application for a program with Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) as the funder. Team Members are working with a consultant to complete and submit the detailed application. The project focuses on work in the Linden area.

WarmChoice
CMHA released a letter to their property owners promoting the WarmChoice program. A small influx of applications has been noted. ColumbiaGas is planning a bill insert soon to promote the WarmChoice program.

Team Members met virtually with HVAC and weatherization contractors to set expectations for field work precautions and ensure contractors fully understand new protocols. Field work resumed July 13.

Projects continue coming in through the IMS system and calls. Team Members are processing projects for qualifications and entering them into the system. Team Members have begun receiving text messages from CMHA clients. As there was a build-up of approved clients, these clients are now being scheduled for their initial inspections and production.

WarmChoice production has resumed, and we expect a very good investment report for the month of July. Production was 74 units for July 13-31. Both the inspectors and the contractors have been working well with the new guidelines and protocols. Residential Services has received no calls of concern or issues from the clients.

HWAP
Team Members submitted the PY 20-21 HWAP and Enhancement fund grant applications. The HWAP Grant application was approved. ODSA is reviewing the Enhancement fund grant application.

Finance and Residential Services met with Patrick Stuart, the OCC Administrative Monitor, to clarify labor and support expenditures for the period of work stoppage due to the pandemic. Mr. Stuart informed MORPC that we were to pay our staff as we would have if the downtime had not occurred, and Finance will be adjusting as much WarmChoice funding as possible to HWAP funding for that time period. This should provide significant relief to the amount of WarmChoice funds used to pay staff while no production was possible.
Audit Update
The Executive Committee approved the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) at the June 4 Executive Committee meeting. The report was submitted to and accepted by the Auditor of State without comment. MORPC received a clean report with no findings. MORPC submitted the 2019 CAFR to the Government Finance Officers Association.

Information Technology Updates
The Information Technology Services Team continues to support the office renovation through installing new cables, fiber and network switches, and researching wireless VOIP solutions.

Phish email testing continues. The failure rate rose to 5.1 percent in July. Users who failed take mandatory video-based training.

Team Members coordinated the lease of three new printers and decommissioning of the older printing and copying devises.

Personnel Updates
The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development Associate Engineer Aijin Chen began June 22
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development Intern Alex Schepflin began July 24

MORPC is currently accepting applications for the following positions:
- Central Ohio Greenways Intern

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

RFP/RFQ Postings
The following RFP’s/RFQ’s were posted:
- Office Renovation – General Contractor – To be posted August 7
- 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/.
Transportation Policy Committee Members

Chris Amorose Groomes  Tom Homan  Elissa Schneider
Karen Angelou  Pamela Hykes O'Grady  Steve Schoeny
Stacey Boumis  Erik Janas  Kim Sharp for Joanna
Ron Bullard  Ben Kessler  Pinkerton
Julie Colley  Bill LaFayette  Thom Slack
Ben Collins  Kim Maggard  Joe Stefanov
Michelle Crandall  Glenn Marzluf  Christie Ward
Karl Craven  Dana McDaniel  Brent Welch for Cornell
Brad Ebersole  Rory McGuinness  Robertson
Jennifer Gallagher  Robert Peters  Nancy White
Catherine Girves  Bryan Rhoads
Alex Heckman  Jim Schimmer

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Nick Gill  William Murdock  Susan Tsen
Ralonda Hampton  Patty Olmsted  Robert Williams
Shawn Hufstedler  Stephen Patchan
Natalie Hurst  Tama Ricks

Guests

Christie Angel, YWCA  Andy Shifflette, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Carri Brown, Fairfield County  Sam Smith, City of Chillicothe Intern
Mike Culp, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter  Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County
Robin Duffee, Violet Township  Emily Wheeler, City of Reynoldsburg
Andrew Shepler, ODOT

Meeting Called to Order
Chair Karen Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:28 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Ewing, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director
  Thea Ewing presented COVID-19 Regional Transportation System Impacts. MORPC tracked the impact of COVID-19 on multiple modes: highway, air travel, transit, trails, and air quality. The lowest decrease in highway traffic was 45 percent. It is up to 20 percent average decrease. The impact was not as significant in rural areas. The impact
on the Rickenbacker area was not as great. Most of the highway impact was cars. The biggest impact was on morning traffic.

Air travel plummeted. By the second week of April it had a 97 percent decrease. It is starting to increase. Cargo planes saw a marginal decrease in January but is now closer to normal. Transit saw a decrease but is now beginning to increase. Trails experienced a 35 percent increase. Air quality is eight percent below the five-year average and running near 20-year low values.

**Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
Catherine Girves made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

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

Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Meeting Called to Order – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
Chair Karen Angelou called the Commission meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Angelou announced the addition of a guest speaker for today’s meeting. Chair Angelou commended MORPC Staff that are tirelessly working to bring information to our members each week. Chair Angelou encouraged Commission members to respect one another and seek justice and peace.
Recognition of Guests – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Eileen Leuby welcomed Mike Culp from Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Brent Welch from the Franklin County Engineer’s Office.

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

William Murdock reported that last week MORPC released a Statement Against Racism. MORPC stands with our local governments in naming and addressing systemic racism and reaffirms our commitment to do more. Mr. Murdock stated the Commission has his commitment and the Team’s commitment that we will do all we can to do more and to be a resource for communities throughout Central Ohio. MORPC set up a web page with a number of resources for local governments in their desire to eliminate racism.

MORPC continues to work remotely and will likely have remote meetings through the rest of the summer. There is no specific return date due to office renovation activities, health uncertainty, and development of recommendations to keep the building safe and healthy for everyone in it. The COVID-19 Central Ohio Resource Hub is continually updated. The weekly COVID-19 meetings will continue through June. After the week of July 4, the calls will go to every other week.

MORPC Team Members started working on a Reopening and Reinvention Framework. The framework is divided into nine different areas led by employees and plans not just for the immediate impact but also thinking about how things might change for the new normal. We will make the framework available to you as soon as it is completed.

MORPC’s Executive Committee received the report from MORPC’s auditors at their June meeting. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) had no findings and MORPC is in excellent shape. Mr. Murdock is proud of MORPC Team Members Susan Tsen, Shawn Hufstedler, Steve Sova and the team that supported them for their good financial stewardship.

Mr. Murdock shared that MORPC is financially stable right now and there is no need to bring a mid-year budget amendment at this time. However, MORPC is taking the uncertain environment seriously and focusing on members’ needs. For that reason, MORPC is not advocating for an increase in members’ dues in 2021. This will constrain some of our ability to serve our members, but we feel it’s the right thing to do. MORPC is taking a fiscally conservative approach to the second half of the year by looking for discretionary items we can hold or delay and other ways to be conservative in our spending. The office renovation is moving forward at half the cost.

Upcoming Events:

- Rural Forum One (Hocking & Perry Counties, Cities of Chillicothe & Circleville, and Villages of Ashville & Somerset) – June 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Rural Forum Two (Logan & Union Counties and Village of Plain City) – July 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Rural Forum Three (Fairfield County) – July 30, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Rural Forum Four (Morrow & Knox Counties, Villages of Granville & Johnstown and Granville Township) – August 4, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- New Shared Services and Local Government Collaboration – July 15, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Every MORPC Member Community and their employees are eligible for the $1,000 tuition scholarship for their first semester in the MORPC & Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs Partnership MPA Program. Contact Joe Wakeman for more information at wakemanj@ohio.edu.

Mr. Murdock introduced MORPC’s new Economic Development & Infrastructure Officer Ted Geer. Mr. Geer is honored to be a part of the MORPC staff and to have the opportunity to make a meaningful and positive impact in the region.

MORPC is starting a social media campaign for the census to make people aware of their need to complete the forms. Mr. Murdock showed the first video featuring MORPC Chair Karen Angelou.

Proposed Resolution 07-20: “Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2021” – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

Proposed Resolution 07-20 adopts the 2021 membership fee schedule. Regularly increasing the dues by small amounts is preferred over more infrequent but larger increases. Due to COVID-19, MORPC is suggesting delaying the scheduled rate increase for 2021. The non-binding five-year plan will be pushed back a year.

Assuming current membership and before considering any population changes, this would be about $23,000 less in revenue than what was originally planned. But MORPC Staff feels strongly that given the impact of the health crisis on local governments, delaying the rate increase is the right decision at this time.

Tom Homan made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 07-20, second by Bill LaFayette; motion passed.

Committees

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

Brad Ebersole reported the June 2 Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) meeting included a presentation from Nationwide Insurance on a concept they call a Cyber Intel Fusion Center. The public/private partnership would work collaboratively to improve data policy and security in Central Ohio. Working Group Updates:

- The Regional Information in Data Working Group meets July 22. The meeting will focus on census differential privacy.
- The Data Policy and Survey Took Kit Working Group continues to work on a survey to send to local governments by the end of August.
- The Municipal Fiber Working Group meets next week and continues to develop a strategy.
- The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group continues development of the dashboard.

Aaron Schill reported MORPC is working with PC’s for People, a non-profit group that makes computers available to income-qualified households with K through 12th grade students who otherwise might not be able to afford the devices and to provide them an option for discounted internet access. Through refurbishing used computers, computers can be purchased at no more than $80, but with subsidies can be as low as $20. PC distribution events are held in Central
Ohio every two weeks throughout the summer. Mr. Schill encouraged Commission members to share this information with their communities. An informational flyer will be distributed with the post meeting email.

In just two events, about 500 computers have been distributed, but the demand is in the thousands. PC’s for People is looking for donations of devices. They will clean the hard drives and refurbish the computers before distributing them. Mr. Schill can help coordinate getting donated computers to PC’s for People.

People subscribe for the hotspot through PC’s for People. Mr. Schill suggested working with them to set up solutions for unbanked people. PC’s for People has connected with other partners to develop a more comprehensive broadband access solution for entire school districts. That will probably also address the needs of unbanked residents.

**Regional Policy Roundtable – Ben Collins (Plain Township), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair**

Ben Collins presented the Regional Policy Roundtable Update. Regional Policy Roundtable Vice Chair David Scheffler is forming the 2021-2022 Public Policy Agenda Working Group to update the Public Policy Agenda. The Working Group will update the usual policy priorities related to regionalism, transportation and sustainability. Additional policy priorities include the impacts of COVID-19 on our local governments and addressing racism in our region. Reach out to Joe Garrity if interested in serving on the Working Group. The Working Group begins meeting next month. The next Regional Policy Roundtable Meeting is July 21.

- **Legislative Update – Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs**
  Joe Garrity gave the legislative update highlighting the following:
  - State budget
  - SB 310 – CARES local government money for those under 500,000 – heading to the governor’s desk for signature
  - SB 285 – Hands free bill – MORPC submitted testimony to insert language to require law enforcement officers inform persons pulled over that they have the right to decline search of their vehicle – this is to ensure minorities are not specifically targeted
  - HB 13 – Broadband access in rural and underserved areas
  - HB 476 – Imminent domain and trails
  - U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee recently released its surface transportation and reauthorization bill – MORPC is sharing our priorities with Congress Troy Balderson who serves on the committee.

Mr. Garrity was asked to clarify the distribution of the local government dollars going through the counties and then to the localities – is there a firm number of what the distributions would look like? Is there any ability for a county to hold up distribution? The Office of Budget & Management (OBM) released information on the procedure for accepting registrations from counties and other local governments for Coronavirus Relief Funding. The information is available on OBM’s website. Each jurisdiction will need a DUNS number (Dun & Bradstreet) to complete the registration. Directions for obtaining a DUNS number, along with registering it with the Systems for Awards Management can be found here.
The balance of the CARES Act distribution being held back. Is there close to another $800 million? The state has $1.2 billion for local governments that didn’t receive direct dollars. State legislators are hoping that the treasury or congress make the funds more flexible so they can use them for revenue or budget issues. By holding on to the $800 million, the money can then be more flexible when distributed.

See the June 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. Mr. Schimmer reported the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is saying that renewable energy generation is to outpace coal generation as soon as 2020. That news highlights a lot of the work of the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

MORPC Senior Air Quality Specialist Brooke White wrote a column for the MORPC Matters series in This Week Community News. Her column highlighted the important role of air quality for public health and quality of life, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. MORPC installed five monitors across the downtown region to track particulate matter levels as traffic levels dropped. The monitors will remain in place as activity resumes. MORPC has additional monitors and is working to develop partnerships and resources for deploying them to gather data on air pollution levels at the neighborhood level.

The Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) Subcommittee began meeting in May. The RSA is the guiding document for MORPC’s sustainability programing and provides a framework for regional members and partners to work toward common goals. The subcommittee will provide input to shape the RSA and overall intent, as well as inform key decisions regarding guiding principles, goals, objectives, and metrics. The guiding principles focus on resiliency, equity and diversity, public health and well-being, and collaboration.

This year’s Riverfest will raise awareness online and encourage everyone to find ways to protect and conserve our waterways. During the week of June 22-26, MORPC will highlight a different tip each day on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

**Transportation Policy Committee** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

Chair Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:28 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:47 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

**Commission Consent Agenda**

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Alex Heckman; motion passed.

**One MORPC One Voice** – Christie Angel, YWCA President & CEO

Christie Angel provided highlights from the presentation Eliminating Racism: Building an Anti-Racist Community. It is always good to take a pause and think about what we can do as individuals to prepare and educate ourselves to do broader work.

Ms. Angel outlined the three types of racial inequity: provided ways that the business, corporate, and non-profit sectors can help eliminate racism; shared how we can all be an ally and what we can do to help; and provided multiple resources for training and guidance.
The YWCA can provide training resources and wants to be a resource for communities.

Ms. Angel was asked about the YWCA programming. Besides housing programs, the YWCA has specific programs on social justice advocacy and race and equity. Most of those programs take place in the last half of the year and typically start in August. The YWCA will be hosting two Town Hall Meetings on race and equity. They are reimagining their Activists and Agitators Program to provide more community access. The YWCA works with young people in middle school and women in the early part of their careers. They are in the process of building out additional programming around race and social injustice. Watch their website for announcements about Town Halls and trainings that community representatives can take advantage of.

Ms. Angel was asked what can we do to get others involved? Use the provided resources. Change starts at home. Have a conversation in a place where you are most comfortable. Seek to get to know others. It is going to be uncomfortable. Be sensitive to others’ feelings.

Ms. Angel was asked her thoughts on how we can work to expand the pool to diversify our workforce. People want to work in an organization where they feel welcome and appreciated. Create that culture so they want to be a part. Before recruitment goes up, people will need to see the changes in place.

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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

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

FROM: Robert Williams, Director
       Residential Services

DATE: August 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 08-20: “To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the Federal Home Loan Bank Pittsburgh (FHLB) for $750,000 to perform exterior and interior home repairs leveraged with MORPC’s WarmChoice weatherization program”

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has been providing free residential home repairs and energy efficiency services in Franklin County to eligible residents for over 30 years through public-private partnerships utilizing public and private funds. FHLB Pittsburgh is part of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, which serves as a reliable source of funds for housing, jobs and growth in all economic cycles.

FHLB annually has a competitive grant application process that allows applicants to apply for funding in increments of $750,000. MORPC is pursuing a grant that includes early intervention strategies to serve homes in need of repairs to address all safe and healthy measures as well as accessibility issues on select properties in the Linden Community. MORPC will identify and serve homeowners, including those deferred from continuing to receive weatherization services due to structural issues of their home, by providing exterior home repairs or other eligible health and safety measures to protect properties. The homeowner can then continue with weatherization services through MORPC.

Attachment: Resolution 08-20
RESOLUTION 08-20

“To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the Federal Home Loan Bank Pittsburgh (FHLB) for $750,000 to perform exterior and interior home repairs leveraged with MORPC’s WarmChoice weatherization program”

WHEREAS, FHLB Pittsburgh is part of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, which serves as a reliable source of funds for housing, jobs and growth in all economic cycles. Membership in FHLB Pittsburgh is comprised of commercial banks, insurance companies, credit unions and community development institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has been providing free residential home repairs and energy efficiency services in Franklin County to eligible residents for over 30 years through public-private partnerships utilizing public and private funds; and

WHEREAS, FHLB annually has a competitive grant application process that allows applicants to apply for funding in increments of $750,000. FHLB requires the potential grantee to partner with a member institution (First Commonwealth Bank) and an active community plan (One Linden) as part of the application. MORPC will be pursuing a grant that includes early intervention strategies to serve homes in need of repairs to address all safe and healthy measures as well as accessibility issues on select properties. These rehabilitation projects will stabilize homes and stop them from becoming blighted properties and aligning with MORPC as an experienced partner to leverage residential services; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will identify and serve homeowners, including those who are deferred from continuing to receive weatherization services due to structural issues of their home, by providing exterior home repairs such as roof, gutters, proper drainage or other eligible health and safety measures to protect properties in the Linden Community. Then, the homeowner can proceed with weatherization services through MORPC; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to properties identified as part of the FHLB application will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and local businesses that are subcontracted in MORPC’s service area; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with FHLB Pittsburgh for work described in the forthcoming contracts to be awarded for Home Repairs in the amount up to $750,000 and enter into related subcontracts.

Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to approve one or more extensions of time not to exceed 180 days in the aggregate for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and contract changes not to exceed 20 percent of the total agreement price without further authorization from this Commission.

Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution are taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: August 13, 2020
Submitted by: Robert Williams, Director, Residential Services
Prepared by: Robert Williams, Director, Residential Services
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: August 13, 2020
Memorandum

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

FROM: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief of Staff & Director or Operations

DATE: August 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 09-20: “Authorizing the executive director to amend MORPC’s building lease”

As part of the office and meeting space upgrades, MORPC, working with its landlord, is pursuing Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing. PACE provides for financing energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements by allowing a property owner to finance the up-front cost of the improvements and then pay back the cost over time through a voluntary assessment. The assessment stays with the property and is added to the property tax bill. The annual energy savings of the improvements offset the assessment payments.

The PACE assessment for MORPC’s building is expected to include reviewing all mechanical, lighting and building envelope systems; identifying specific energy use and performance for the systems; identifying low cost actions resulting in three to five percent energy cost savings; and quantifying measures for energy conservation and efficiency up to 30 percent savings. Solar will be considered in the initial energy audit.

This resolution seeks approval for the executive director to enter a lease amendment to accommodate PACE financing and provide long-term funding for the landlord and lender in the event MORPC does not stay in the building through 2032.

Attachment: Resolution 09-20
RESOLUTION 09-20

“Authorizing the executive director to amend MORPC’s building lease”

WHEREAS, MORPC exercised a lease renewal that ends October 31, 2022 for 21,449 rentable square feet, with two remaining five-year renewal options with an additional 5,400 rentable square feet that coincides with renewal option timing; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is in the process of office renovations that could include construction, replacement of fixtures, redesign and more; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has been in discussion with our landlord who is interested in using the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to make energy efficient and renewal energy upgrades and is willing to consider a lease amendment to accommodate PACE; and

WHEREAS, a PACE assessment for MORPC’s building includes reviewing all mechanical, lighting and building envelop systems; identifying specific energy use and performance for the systems; identifying low cost actions resulting in three-five percent energy cost savings; and quantifying measures for energy conservation and efficiency up to 30 percent savings; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director, in consultation with the Building Committee, is authorized to enter into a lease amendment to provide additional commitment to pay PACE assessment amounts not otherwise covered by any future tenant if MORPC does not exercise renewal options to remain in the current building through 2032.

Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 3. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Submitted by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations
Prepared by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations
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Memorandum

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

FROM: Shawn Hufstedler
       Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

DATE: August 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 10-20: “Authorizing the executive director to apply for and enter into agreements for emergency assistance if needed”

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, multiple sources are making funds available for emergency assistance to help agencies through the health crisis. At times the application process may be a short window of time, not allowing MORPC Staff the opportunity to ask for authority from the Commission. This resolution authorizes the executive director, with guidance from the officers and Executive Committee, to apply for emergency assistance grants, and if awarded enter into agreement with funders.

Possible use of the emergency assistance funds includes future SBA PPP funding, Columbus and Franklin County Resilience Initiative, and other funding that may become available.

Attachment: Resolution 10-20
RESOLUTION 10-20

“Authorizing the executive director to apply for and enter into agreements for emergency assistance if needed”

WHEREAS, multiple sources are making funds available for emergency assistance to help agencies through the COVID-19 health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the application process for these funds may have a short window; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will only apply for emergency assistance if needed; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director, in consultation with the officers, shall have the authority through 2021 to apply for and enter into agreements for emergency assistance if needed.

Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 3. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou, Chair
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TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
    Executive Committee
    Officers and Board Members

FROM: Robert Williams, Director
       Residential Services

DATE: August 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 11-20: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into a 2021-2025 Professional Services Agreement and associated annual Statements of Work with NiSource Corporate Services Company for the WarmChoice Program”

The resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into a five-year Professional Services Agreement that defines the terms and conditions that will apply to any program MORPC administers for NiSource/Columbia Gas of Ohio from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025. It also authorizes the executive director to enter into annual Statements of Work agreements for each of those five years, which outline the specific details of the work to be completed, service area, compensation, and other items specific to the WarmChoice Program.

Since 1988, MORPC has provided free residential energy conservation services and weatherization to more than 15,000 residents in Franklin County who meet eligibility guidelines. Available services include safety inspections, installation or repair of heating units, insulation of walls and heating ducts, and the reduction of air leakage throughout the homes. The program delivers services through public-private partnerships utilizing diverse funding sources – including support from the WarmChoice Program offered by Columbia Gas of Ohio, a NiSource Company.

MORPC Team Members will provide program management, inspection services, quality insurance, and the installation of heating and weatherization materials contracted with local businesses. All work is fully integrated into MORPC’s Residential Services Program, which also receives funding through Home Weatherization Assistance Program from the Ohio Development Services Agency and AEP-Ohio’s Community Assistance Program.

The annual Statements of Work are expected to include payments to MORPC of approximately $2,800,000 per annum.

Attachment: Resolution 11-20
RESOLUTION 11-20

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into a 2021-2025 Professional Services Agreement and associated annual Statements of Work with NiSource Corporate Services Company for the WarmChoice Program”

WHEREAS, The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has been providing free residential energy conservation services in Franklin County eligible residents since 1988 through public-private partnerships utilizing public and private funds; and

WHEREAS, NiSource Corporate Services Company wants to enter into a five-year Professional Services Agreement with associated annual Statements of Work to include funding to continue services in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, these services consist of home inspections and estimates of energy conservation retrofits to the home and its gas heating units, which will reduce energy consumption, and coordinating and managing the provision of weatherization and heating unit services to the home; and

WHEREAS, while amounts are subject to change annually, NiSource Corporate Services Company is likely to pay MORPC approximately $2,800,000 per annum for WarmChoice services provided in Fiscal Years 2021 through 2025; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a 2021-2026 Professional Services Agreement with NiSource Corporate Services Company.

Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into annual Statements of Work for up to $3,000,000 per annum for 2021 through 2025.

Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.

Section 4. 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 5. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

 Karen Angelou, Chair
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