NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, September 3, 2020
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Welcome – Erik Janas, Chair

2. Consent Agenda
   • Approval of August 6, 2020 minutes

3. Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock

4. Committee Updates
   • Regional Data Advisory Committee – Aaron Schill
   • Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity
   • Transportation Policy Committee – Thea Ewing

5. Proposed Resolution 12-20: “Adoption of the Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and authorizing the Executive Director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration” – Thea Ewing
6. **Proposed Resolution 13-20**: “Authorizing the executive director to participate in contracts awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program” – Thea Ewing

7. **Proposed Resolution 15-20**: “MORPC commitment to become a SolSmart-designated regional organization” – Kerstin Carr

8. **Proposed Resolution 14-20**: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into multi-year agreements for standard administrative services” – Shawn Hufstedler

9. **Proposed Resolution EC-07-20**: “Authorizing the executive director to contract with the selected general contractor for the MORPC office renovation” – Shawn Hufstedler

10. Draft Commission Agenda

11. Other Business

   PLEASE NOTIFY SHARI SAUNDERS AT 614-233-4169 OR ssaunders@morpc.org IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.

   The next Executive Committee Meeting is
   Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
   Video/Audio Conference
Welcome – Erik Janas
Chair Erik Janas called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Chair Janas asked for a moment of silence for the people of Lebanon after the tragic explosion this week in Beirut and also for Gov. DeWine who had just tested positive for COVID-19.

Chair Janas announced that MORPC Chair Karen Angelou appointed Joe Stefanov as Building Committee Chair.

Consent Agenda
Rory McGuiness made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Joe Stefanov; motion passed.

Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock
William Murdock expressed his pride in the MORPC Team over the summer. Despite the working conditions and crises communities are facing, the Team has done some incredible and hard work. They have been creative in finding funding sources and helping communities. He appreciates the Executive Committee, Department Heads, and leaders for their work.

MORPC has developed a web resource for communities of examples of what local governments are doing to address racism. The resource continues to be updated. If you want resources from your community included, contact Ralonda Hampton.

MORPC is engaged in addressing racism on the national level. William Murdock and the Executive Director of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) are co-hosting conversations in August to talk about the issue and what it means and how regional councils can serve their communities through program and plan development. Níel Jurist is helping craft the sessions along with our ARC counterparts.

The Regional Housing Strategy is nearing completion and will be released September 2, 10-11:30 a.m. Conor Dougherty, author of “Golden Gates” and New York Times reporter, is the keynote speaker. The report addresses different submarkets and makes recommendations for each of them.
MORPC continues to address the COVID-19 health crisis and serve members by hosting conversations in partnership with the Franklin County Township Association and COMMA. The conversations are coming together into one session this afternoon to look at the economic side of the crisis. Speakers include Kenny McDonald, Don DePerro, and Bill LaFayette. We anticipate the briefings to move to monthly.

The Residential Services Team is back in the field. The office workers continue to work remotely. One of the benefits of being able to keep the Residential Services Team employed during the health crisis was helping them with the quick restart once they were permitted back in the field.

Work continues on the office renovation. It is going slower than anticipated due to procuring materials and contractors. The work should be completed late October or early November. Painting and carpeting are happening now. Furniture procurement is underway. This first phase was work that could happen without construction. Most of the construction is for the lower level. The RFP for the General Contractor should go out this week. The current timeline for completion date is November.

MORPC’s Reopening Strategy is in the final draft stage. The strategy developed protocol to get employees back in the office safely. We anticipate the first phase of workers returning to the office sometime in October. Holding meetings depends on construction. We should have more information once construction starts. Remote meetings will continue until we have further information.

Mr. Murdock shared 2020 budget updates. Even with the Paycheck Protection Program, there are significant losses this year. They are survivable for the agency, but we are monitoring the budget closely. We have qualified all COVID-19 costs and may be able to recover some of those.

MORPC is looking at the second half of the year with great caution. Although we feel confident, we want to exercise fiscal caution. Mr. Murdock shared what MORPC has done and is planning to do to keep costs down:

- No January merit/COLA increase
- Reduced administrative support staff
- Suspended the budgeted mid-year COLA
- Suspended travel and in-person conferences
- Reduced planned building improvements by approximately 30 percent
- Suspended MORPC Leadership Academy
- Rebidding agency insurance plans and health insurance
- Each department reduced/suspended planned expenses
- Numerous full-time positions held vacant, delayed, or filled with part-time interns
- Residential Services reorganized late 2019 including reduction in force
- Residential Services eliminated full-time AEP CAP position, postponed filling other positions
- Purchased vehicles to reduce lease cost
- New funding resources including Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Ohio EPA
- Increased funding sources including Columbia Gas, Paycheck Protection Program, CARES Act
Pending applications for funding include Federal Home Loan Bank, OWDA, USDOT/FA, Columbus & Franklin County Resilience Initiative.

Overall, the picture is one of cautious confidence. The 2021 budget cycle begins late August.

The MORPC Team helped develop the Broadband Access Pilot with the City of Columbus and the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO). The basics of the program will be rolled out this afternoon in a community call. The program will connect school districts outside Columbus with resources to procure access to computers and broadband plans/devices. The City of Columbus provided $1.5 million last week. Franklin County is expected to commit funding next week. The program is designed to make sure all school districts in MORPC’s area may be able to plug into it. Aaron Schill deserves a lot of the credit.

**Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity**

Joe Garrity reported Congressional leaders and the Trump Administration are in negotiation over the next round of federal relief for COVID-19. The central point of contention is related to unemployment insurance. MORPC’s top priority is working on behalf of local governments in addressing the loss of revenue due to COVID-19. Infrastructure is also a priority.

The state is waiting for guidance from Congress or the U.S. Treasury on the use of the CARES relief dollars from HB 481. The state is hoping for more flexibility in the use of the funds.

Last week, MORPC reached out to the General Assembly to share support of the bi-partisan effort to repeal and replace HB 6.

The Public Policy Agenda Working Group met last month and began updating MORPC’s Public Policy Agenda. A central focus is how to improve equity.

Mr. Garrity was asked for an update on the liability protection bill. HB 606 passed the House and the Senate. However, the House needs to concur on Senate amendments.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee – Brandi Whetstone**

Brandi Whetstone reported the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) met in June and approved the Regional Sustainability Agenda vision and principals. New members will be appointed at the August 19 meeting to fill vacancies. Justin Milam and Alex Slaymaker are chair and vice-chair of the Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee which is updating the Regional Sustainability Agenda. The agenda is being re-evaluated in coordination with the Public Policy Agenda and with equity in mind.

**Transportation Policy Committee – Thea Ewing**

Thea Ewing reported MORPC submitted a request to the Federal Railroad Administration, under the Maglev grant program, for a $2 million grant to advance Phase 1 of the Midwest Connect Corridor (between downtown and the airport). This will complete the environmental analysis and preliminary engineering on the segment.
Virgin Hyperloop has narrowed the field of sites they are considering for the Hyperloop Certification Center to three or four. Central Ohio is still in the mix. MORPC is planning a meeting with Virgin Hyperloop and Jobs Ohio to discuss locating in Ohio.

The Franklin County TID received a $250,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Jobs & Commerce for the City of Dublin’s University Boulevard project.

Ms. Ewing reported MORPC has received 35 new applications for MORPC Attributable Funds. The requests total $235 million; approximately $69 million is available for this round. The MORPC Team will work with the Attributable Funds Committee to prioritize applications by January.

The TRAC applications for major new transportation projects in the region exceed $80 million. The applications are out for public comment. MORPC will be working with the Community Advisory and Transportation Advisory Committees to prioritize the applications for Commission approval in September and presentation to the TRAC conference in October.

The Brownfield Program Kick-Off was Monday. MORPC received $600,000 from the U.S. EPA to assess potentially contaminated sites for redevelopment. Team Members are reviewing applicants from the online application portal. The City of Whitehall submitted the first application. Team Members are in conversations with several communities interested in the funds.

**Regional Data Advisory Committee – Aaron Schill**
MORPC was awarded $40,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to research the economic, social, and demographic impact of the pandemic. MORPC is working with a number of partners (One Columbus, The Columbus Foundation, Regionomics, City of Columbus, Franklin County). Work begins later this month. The research briefs will be issued in November followed by a period of community conversation and engagement.

The next Regional Data Advisory Committee meeting is September 2.

**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” – Robert Williams
This includes the new higher fee negotiated at the beginning of the year. Things are very positive with Columbia Gas.

Greg Lestini made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 11-20, second by Rory McGuiness; motion passed.

**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” – Robert Williams
Robert Williams presented the [MORPC/FHLB Grant Opportunity](#). MORPC submitted the full application on August 4, 2020. Organizations can apply for multiple grants in a year.
MORPC primarily worked with the City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods. They signed off on a couple documents saying they approved the plan and property is in a neighborhood improvement district.

We should hear if we got the grant in early December. They will contact us in September/October with questions.

Michelle Crandall made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 08-20, second by Karen Angelou; motion passed.

**Proposed Resolution 09-20: “Authorizing the executive director to amend MORPC’s building lease” – Shawn Hufstedler**

This resolution is presented in coordination with the Building Committee. The Building Committee will be consulted on options after the PACE assessment.

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 09-20, second by David Scheffler; motion passed. Greg Lestini abstained.

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

This resolution allows MORPC to move quickly and responsibly when opportunities become available. MORPC is not allowed to take on debt. This applies only to grants and forgivable loans.

Rory McGuiness made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 10-20, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

**Quarterly Financial Statements – Shawn Hufstedler**

Shawn Hufstedler reviewed the [June 2020 Financial Report](#) highlighting:

- The effects of the Paycheck Protection Program are partially incorporated in the first half results. The remaining portion will be applied as revenue in the third quarter.
- The loss in the first half of the year is due to revenue collected in earlier years but expended this year and Residential Services being unable to work in homes. Residential Services' production the last half of July looked good.
- Members dues are under budget.
- The fringe rate is favorable and looking good for the year.
- The indirect rate is unfavorable at this point.
- The Operating Reserve is greater than 60 days.

**Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby**

Eileen Leuby presented the [Membership Services Quarterly Update](#) highlighting:

- Events and accomplishments through June
- Upcoming events
- Summer intern program
- Resources for members
- Return on Investment statements for members

**Draft Commission Agenda**

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft August 13, 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda.
The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Chris Amorose Grooms, Secretary
Executive Committee
Memorandum

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

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
       Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: August 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 12-20: “Adoption of the Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration”

MORPC, its members and One Columbus have developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Columbus Region. The CEDS serves as a blueprint for economic development across the region. It is supported by the existing body of regional plans and economic development strategies in the Columbus Region.

By adopting the CEDS, MORPC and its members are eligible to apply for grant assistance from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). Grant funds from the U.S. EDA are for economic development, economic adjustment, infrastructure, projects and planning. Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act additional funds are being allocated by the U.S. EDA to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

All U.S. EDA projects anticipated or received will be included in the MORPC budget. MORPC’s first CEDS and applications for projects will be submitted in 2020. However, it is not anticipated that agreements will need to be executed, funds received, or projects commence until 2021. Should any of these activities happen in 2020 a proposed budget amendment will be submitted to the Commission for approval consideration.

It is anticipated the CEDS will be a planning document to be submitted for adoption by the Commission at least every five years. Further, with MORPC’s ongoing maintenance of the CEDS, a resolution in this same spirit will be proposed and brought forward for Commission consideration annually. This will ensure that MORPC and its members can access U.S. EDA funding and authorize the Executive Director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. EDA.

Attachment: Resolution 12-20
RESOLUTION 12-20

“Adoption of the Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration”

WHEREAS, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (U.S. EDA) is authorized to make grants for economic development, economic adjustment and infrastructure projects and planning consistent with Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and subsequent amendments and reauthorizations; and

WHEREAS, grant funds were provided to the U.S. EDA and also made available in The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is seeking these grant funds and assisting member communities in the Central Ohio region that are also seeking these grant funds; and

WHEREAS, grants received from U.S. EDA for eligible projects and planning must be consistent with a Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); and

WHEREAS, MORPC, its members and One Columbus have developed a CEDS for the Columbus Region; and

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

WHEREAS, grants received from U.S. EDA will be necessary to secure matching funds from other agencies and to subcontract work or make purchases for planning and projects as well as help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, consistent with the CEDS; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the Commission adopts the 2020 Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to file applications with and execute grant agreements on behalf of MORPC with U.S. EDA, to aid in financing economic development, economic adjustment, infrastructure, projects, planning and related activities.

Section 3. That the executive director is to include all U.S. EDA grants and associated matching funds anticipated or received in the agency budget.
Section 4. 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 activity consistent with the 2020 Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and accounted for in the agency budget.

Section 5. 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 per the consistent financial authorization of the corresponding agreement amounts without further authorization from this Commission.

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 Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: September 10, 2020
Submitted by: Thea Ewing, Director of Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Prepared by: Transportation & Infrastructure Development Staff
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: September 10, 2020
Attachment: 2020 Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Executive Summary

In recent years, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), One Columbus (formerly Columbus 2020), and hundreds of other partners across the private and public sectors have aligned around regional economic development and growth strategies for the Columbus Region. This Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) serves to lay out and focus those strategies.

MORPC is a multi-jurisdictional government entity, composed of 15 counties in the Columbus Region. MORPC’s role as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for our region also closely coordinate with and support the regional economic development and leadership activities of One Columbus.

The Columbus Region has in place a locally based, regionally driven economic development planning process that leverages involvement of public, private and non-profit sectors to create a strategic blueprint for regional collaboration.

Contents

This CEDS framework is organized by four sections as follows:

• Section 1: Summary Background
  o The Summary Background details the recent history of regional economic development strategy and success in the Columbus Region. Our region looks to build on a transformational decade of growth with a renewed focus on prosperity for all residents.
• Section 2: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis
  o The SWOT analysis is built on hundreds of meetings, conversations and forums to discuss the future of our region. This research and the conversations it sparked have exposed common priorities, challenges, and interests.
  o The four goals identified for the Columbus Region are:
    ▪ We must sustain our economic momentum by continuing to make economic growth and prosperity a top priority.
    ▪ We must develop, inspire and attract a talented, adaptive and diverse workforce to compete for investment.
    ▪ We must enable the innovation capacity of business, academic and government sectors to grow dynamically.
    ▪ We must increase global identity and connectivity to attract investment and talent from around the world.
• Section 3: Strategic Direction and Action Plan
This section identifies the broad strategic areas and initiatives around which we must align to drive our regional goals. It also lays out specific objectives in our priority economic sectors and industries.

- Section 4: Evaluation Framework
  - The evaluation framework consists of metrics for evaluating the success of our economic development strategies.
Section 1: Summary Background

Regional Overview

The 11-county Columbus Region is a diverse and thriving metropolitan region in Central Ohio. The City of Columbus, the center of the Region, is the state capital and largest city in Ohio, and the 14th largest in the U.S. More than two million residents are spread across the 11 counties of the Columbus Region (See Appendix A for map):

- Delaware County
- Fairfield County
- Franklin County
- Knox County
- Licking County
- Logan County
- Madison County
- Marion County
- Morrow County
- Pickaway County
- Union County

MORPC also provides member services in four other regional counties (Fayette, Hocking, Perry, and Ross) that sit in existing economic development districts (EDDs) as designated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Columbus Region serves as a significant jobs center for these counties, and MORPC closely coordinates with each across our range of work and services.

Regional Data

Population by Age and Median Age by County

The Columbus Region is relatively young compared to the State of Ohio and U.S. averages, primarily due to the large concentration of college students and young adults in the City of Columbus.

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Source: US Census, ACS 5 year estimate 2018 B01002

Population by Race and Ethnicity

The Columbus Region is more diverse than the State of Ohio but less than the national average.

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Source: US Census, ACS 5 year estimate 2018 DP05

Educational Attainment

The Columbus Region is better educated than the state and country. This makes the Region a highly attractive location from a talent and education perspective, offering a large and well-educated workforce.

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Our Regional Economic Development Story

As summer turned to fall in 2007, the Columbus Region was in the midst of a decade of stagnant job growth, diminishing per capita income figures and an undistinguished economic development profile. Columbus was considered just another metro area succumbing to the headwinds of the decline of the Midwest. In December of that year, the housing crisis and the global recession hit, washing away any gains that had been made in that decade.

Leaders around the country gathered to consider their economic future, including in Central Ohio. What would our future be and how would we claim it? How could we leverage the great companies that had been built here, the ambition of local entrepreneurs and the power of our world-renowned institutions?

A new path was created based on the dire need for economic activity and job growth that became more important as each day passed. Audacious, measurable goals were set to define the mission of the work, and the stakes were high.

The journey of the next decade included transformational project announcements, notable entrepreneurial achievements and the greatest expansion of the Columbus Region economy in its history. A decade later, the Columbus Region has not only achieved the job, investment and income goals it set, but has also earned distinction as a metro area with boundless ambition and economic potential.

The Columbus Region has emerged as a beacon of economic competitiveness and population growth equal to any in the country. Industrial growth was broadly felt across the economy, primarily focused on key sectors including retail brands, e-commerce, finance and insurance, automotive and mobility, biomedical and health services, and advanced computing.

In less than 10 years, the Columbus Region...

- Created over 150,000 net new jobs
- Secured over $8 billion in capital investment
- Sparked a 30% increase in personal per capita income

Over the last decade, the Columbus Region ranked No. 1 in the Midwest for...

- Job growth, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- GDP/GRP growth, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
- Population Growth, according to the U.S. Census Bureau
- Millennial migration, according to the Brookings Institution
Section 2: Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threat (SWOT) Analysis

The past two years have included hundreds of meetings, conversations and forums to discuss the future of our region. MORPC joined with business leaders, public officials and civic advocates as they engaged to discuss these concerns and what success looks like for the Columbus Region. This engagement included a leadership assessment with 60 business leaders from 45 organizations representing 22 industry sectors. This engagement also included numerous stakeholder and civic group discussions with over 200 business and civic leaders and board members representing over 50 regional economic development partners.

Additionally, MORPC is continually engaged with its Board of Commissioners (see Appendix B). The Board is serving as the strategy committee for purposes of this CEDS and will be primarily responsible for carrying its recommendations forward.

As in years past, the Columbus Region focused on the hard facts. Objective, comparative research revealed where we are strong, where we need to improve and where we are lagging behind. Analysis was conducted to address how prepared the Region is to meet the challenges of the future. Rapidly changing technology, global competition and demographic shifts are sure to have an impact on the Columbus Region, and the strategies and tactics that have worked in the past will not yield the same results going forward.

Consistent themes emerged from the stakeholder meetings and research. We identified a shared ambition to broaden opportunity across industries for all residents. It became clear that in order to achieve a new ambition and meet both existing and emerging challenges, Columbus Region communities, leadership and institutions will need to focus on four imperatives to achieve success.

1. We must sustain our economic momentum by continuing to make economic growth and prosperity a top priority.
   a. Strengths
      i. The Columbus Region continues to outperform other midwestern regions. There is a strong economic base in several key sectors of the economy.
      ii. The Region has several notable institutional assets that it can leverage, including Battelle, Ohio State, EWI, and the Transportation Research Center.
      iii. The Region is positioned at the forefront of transportation, logistics and mobility, including the autonomous and connected vehicles industry.
      iv. The Ohio State University is a primary partner of the community for research in nearly every science and technology-driven industry.
      v. The Region has a strength in logistics, featuring greater access to the U.S. market within a 10-hour drive than any other major metro, multiple rail terminals, and Rickenbacker International Airport, a cargo-only international airport.
   b. Weaknesses
      i. It is difficult to retain the very best information technology talent (both students and experienced professionals).
ii. Immigration policies make it difficult to retain foreign STEM graduates for more than a few years.

iii. Past focus on traditional development metrics obscured the need to address underlying structural barriers to prosperity for all residents.

iv. The Region lacks diverse multi-modal mobility options that support industry and mitigate the financial and time burden of worker and student commutes.

c. Opportunities

i. The industries of advanced analytics and cybersecurity are growing quickly, and the Columbus Region has proven ability both areas. University and college assets can be better leveraged to spark economic development (for example, aligning R&D and corporate relationships with industry needs). This is most notable in agricultural science, neuroscience, retail technologies, analytics, and advanced materials.

ii. There is potential for significant growth in cargo capacity at Rickenbacker International Airport and in warehousing capacity and technology in the surrounding logistics hub.

iii. Ohio’s tax structure, the availability of water and wastewater capacity, and reliable, competitively priced energy are all ingredients that must continue to be leveraged to attract even greater private investments in data storage, management, cloud computing and other high-technology manufacturing.

iv. Regional leaders must regularly measure and address structural issues that have led to an equity gap with broad impacts for residents and businesses.

d. Threats

i. If economic development support of high-growth opportunities does not stay strong, new projects and programs could be threatened and result in the loss of some of the Region’s best entrepreneurial talent.

ii. The gap between communities that are thriving and those that are impoverished within the Region threatens regional prosperity.

iii. The lack of consistent, diverse mobility options across the Region is a barrier to economic opportunity.

2. We must Develop, Inspire and Attract a Talented, Adaptive and Diverse Workforce to compete for investment.

a. Strengths

i. The Columbus Region is younger and more educated than the national average, leading Ohio and the Midwest in both population and millennial growth.

ii. We boast one of the highest concentrations of higher education institutions and an in-demand, tech savvy workforce.

iii. The Columbus Region offers a large and growing workforce.

iv. The Columbus Region is home to 62 college and university campuses and a large body of young, recent graduates, as well as an adult population that is more educated than the national average.
v. The Ohio State University is one of the largest public universities in the nation, offers a wide range of programs, and graduates thousands of students each year.

b. Weaknesses
i. There are disconnects between demographics and outcomes, and we must work to eliminate these disparities.
ii. There is a common perception that the K-12 education system is not meeting the needs of employers (regionally and nationally).
iii. Structural inefficiencies have made quality education unaffordable or otherwise inaccessible to some residents.
iv. Employers are demanding a more skilled worker, a trend that is increasingly true regardless of industry or vocation.
v. There is often a misalignment of incentives between employers, workforce programs and academic programs.
vi. The skills and wage gaps between economically distressed and affluent areas of the Region are persistent.
vii. The Region lacks a globally competitive transportation network beyond the single-occupancy vehicle.

c. Opportunities
i. It will be necessary to become far more diverse, engaging across rural and urban areas and minority communities, while also attracting talent from across the world.
ii. There is a strong proven correlation between education and earnings potential. With so many educational institutions and a well-educated population, Columbus has opportunities to drive wage growth.
iii. Continuing to improve the local K-12 school system will advance the Region’s economic development and talent recruitment.
iv. Improvement and promotion of vocational and skilled trade educational opportunities will improve labor market access and efficiency.
v. Competitive affordability in Columbus helps employees stretch their dollar further than they can in many other cities, while employers can stay cost-competitive with wages.
vi. The Region must create transportation access options on par with other leading national and global regions.

d. Threats
i. We must meet the challenges presented by automation.
ii. A lack of skilled workers could create a competitive disadvantage for the Columbus Region as it seeks to secure additional investment and jobs from existing companies and those considering the area for new facilities.
iii. The limited availability of graduates in science, technology, engineering and math could threaten the area’s competitiveness.
iv. There is a need for greater regional alignment to create a globally competitive multimodal mobility system.
3. We must Enable the Innovation Capacity of business, academic and government sectors to grow dynamically.
   a. Strengths
      i. The Columbus Region is home to 15 Fortune 1000 companies, billion-dollar startups, and a strong education ecosystem.
      ii. The Columbus Region has emerged as a leading venture capital hub in the Midwest.
      iii. Corporate, academic, government, medical centers and R&D operations in our region are at the forefront of research and innovation.
      iv. Research expenditures at The Ohio State University totaled more than $850 million in 2017, ranking it among the top 25 universities in the United States.
      v. The Columbus Region and the State of Ohio have proven, well-funded programs that help to accelerate new enterprises.
      vi. The Region has a strong talent base in information technology, science and math to fuel technology-driven opportunities.
   b. Weaknesses
      i. There are gaps to uniform broadband access across the region for residents and businesses.
      ii. There is inconsistent utility supply coverage across the region, including natural gas, wastewater, and broadband access.
   c. Opportunities
      i. To grow dynamically and to diversify our economy, we must create, use and leverage technology.
      ii. The Region should continue to build on its successes in attracting data centers and other advanced data enterprises.
   d. Threats
      i. Fortune 1000 companies in the Region must adapt as innovative competitors become a threat.
      ii. The higher education system is being challenged to not only deliver a talented workforce, but also comprehensive research.
      iii. Government entities are undergoing a massive shift in technologies to serve citizens and to achieve status as smart cities.

4. We must Increase Global Identity and Connectivity to attract investment and talent from around the world.
   a. Strengths
      i. The Columbus Region has a highly diversified economy and hundreds of companies that conduct business around the world.
      ii. The Columbus Region is home to several hundred foreign-owned firms that employ thousands within the Region.
      iii. Universities and colleges in the Region have many foreign-born students.
      iv. Columbus is a well-known inland port with a large foreign trade zone and excellent connectivity to east coast port facilities via Norfolk Southern and CSX rail lines.
v. Rickenbacker International Airport is one of the world’s only cargo-dedicated airports located near a major metropolitan area with room and plans in place for continued growth.

b. Weaknesses
   i. It’s critical that we connect our communities and companies to both each other and the rest of the world via infrastructure.
   ii. The Columbus Region does not have direct flights to Europe or Asia.
   iii. There is a lack of awareness of the companies and institutional assets that the Region offers foreign employers.

c. Opportunities
   i. As the Columbus Region continues to grow economically, its air service within the U.S. and internationally will likely improve.
   ii. Increased inbound air cargo traffic creates a continued opportunity to build international supply chain linkages and brand awareness.
   iii. Consistent outreach to international companies and networking globally enhance the opportunity to attract and retain foreign investment and provide opportunities for local businesses to export to those markets.

d. Threats
   i. Shifts in key industries such as retail, warehousing, and logistics could mitigate existing regional investments.
   ii. Global economic, political, and health conditions have potential to affect existing and planned international business development.
   iii. Immigration policies limit the region’s ability to capture the value of the talented international student population within the area over the long term, especially STEM graduates.
   iv. The Region must remove barriers to international immigration and workforce attraction wherever possible.
Section 3: Strategic Direction and Action Plan

MORPC, both as a regional leader and in its role as the Columbus Region’s Metropolitan Transportation Organization (MPO), regularly produces planning documents covering surface transportation, mobility, public infrastructure, economic development, and community development priorities. These plans, program, and initiatives each involve months or years of continuing stakeholder engagement, modeling, and evaluation.

- 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
  o Long range MPO planning document
- 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
  o Short range MPO planning document
- Competitive Advantage Projects
  o Initiative to advance strategic infrastructure investments across the Region
- Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
  o Partnership with seven counties in the nonmetropolitan areas of our region to provide transportation planning products and services
  o CORPO also produces long- and short-range transportation planning documents reflecting the unique transportation needs of its counties
- Regional Housing Strategy (to be released 2020)
  o MORPC, the City of Columbus, and other regional partners are coordinating a housing strategy for Central Ohio
- Insight2050 (2014-present)
  o Study of growth in region that considers demographic and development trends to bring forward strategies for future regional growth
- Rickenbacker Area Study (2018)
  o Study providing recommendations to position the Rickenbacker area as a complete community, as well as a successful international logistics hub
- Sustainable2050
  o Program to support MORPC members’ sustainability efforts through direct technical assistance, collaboration, and recognition
- Through these and countless other efforts from our community partners, we have built a shared vision for economic development in the Columbus Region.

Vision Statement: We will continue to aggressively pursue economic growth across the Region and focus on diversifying our economy while increasing and expanding our international relationships.

Economic resilience will be a guiding principle as we envision and execute regional strategies. We believe that economic resilience depends on creating prosperity for all residents. To bolster our economic resilience, we will build and enhance the entrepreneurial infrastructure across the Region and nurture new businesses to continually refresh our economy and business leadership. We will also apply energy and resources to community development to ensure we are prepared, competitive and welcoming to new and existing businesses, and that our workforce is well trained.
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Foundational Strategy Goals: The fundamental principles for growing the Region’s economy are consistent: retain, attract and create jobs that drive economic growth.

- Serve existing businesses: Create the most competitive economic base in the United States
- Attract new businesses: Create the most diverse employment and tax base in the United States
- Support entrepreneurship and accelerate high-growth firms: Create a seamless continuum of services for venture-backed startups and high-growth firms to scale within the Columbus Region

Foundational Strategy Actions

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Key Partners: MORPC & One Columbus

Growth Accelerator Goals: To amplify and accelerate our growth, we must look outside the Region and beyond the horizon.

- Prepare communities for the future: Become the most prepared area in the United States for growth and investment
- Increase global trade and investment: Lead our peer regions in foreign investment and export growth
- Market and promote the Columbus Region globally: Become known as the most prosperous economy in the United States
- Priority Economic Sectors: To increase employment and overall payroll in each economic sector over the next decade, we will focus on these key industries:
  - Manufacturing
- Research & development
- HQ & business services
- Logistics

**Growth Accelerator Actions**

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**Key Partners:** MORPC & Lead Economic Development Officers from all communities in region
Key Industries Goals

- Retail brands and technologies: Maintain our role as a retail headquarters, services and technology leader
- E-Commerce: Increase our position as a leading logistics location by building global capabilities and diversifying our employment and facilities profile
- Finance & insurance: Increase our aggregate wages and diversify our finance and insurance industries
- Automotive & mobility: Diversify our portfolio of automotive and mobility suppliers and increase research and development services
- Bio-medical & health services: Build a sustainable bio-medical and health services industry
- Advanced computing services: Become one of the most significant advanced computing centers in the United States

Key Industries Actions

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Key Partners: MORPC, Lead Economic Development Officers from all communities in region & Industry Partners
Section 4: Evaluation Framework

Strategic Themes and Related Metrics

GROWTH - Economic and infrastructure gains:

It is imperative that the Columbus Region continue to grow and diversify its economy. There are a variety of measures including:

- Net new jobs
- Gross regional product
- Relative gains in the tax base

Economic base growth that brings new money into the Region is the primary driver of our ability to innovate and to build the needed civic infrastructure to improve the quality of life of our citizens and to build social safeguards for those with short- and long-term needs.

PROSPERITY - Health, wealth and education gains:

An expanding economy is a necessary prerequisite to increase the well-being of people and the health of our communities. However, if disparities in income, wealth, education and health are to improve, our region must take action above and beyond what we’ve traditionally done. Indicators include measures such as:

- Median wages
- Racial employment and labor participation
- Community measures of housing opportunity
- Educational attainment
- Healthcare disparities
- Physical and economic mobility of the workforce

INNOVATION - Tech, innovation and investment gains:

The economy is driven by technology. The Columbus Region must leverage its unique position as a leading center of higher education, corporate investment and government operations to expand its economy and reduce both costs and disparities. Measures of government, business and academic innovation signal our capacity to meet the challenges of a disruptive economy. These measures include:

- Venture capital invested in our region
- Patent development
- STEAM education

Economic Development Metrics – Next 10 Years

In addition to all the economic, social, and technological metrics listed above, the Region must continue its success in achieving topline economic development metrics:

- We will add $3.3 billion of payroll in communities within the Columbus Region.
• We will secure 60,000 jobs in the Columbus Region. Full-time jobs with benefits remain a powerful way to change lives and build sustainable communities.
• We will attract $10 billion of capital investment to the Columbus Region from our economic base projects.
Appendix A: Map of the Columbus Region

THE COLUMBUS REGION

Legend

- Major Airports
- Interstate Freeway
- US/State Highway
- Columbus Region
- County Boundary
Appendix B: Board of Commissioners of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

MORPC’s board of commissioners determines the strategic direction of the agency. The board also serves as the CEDS strategy committee for the Columbus Region.

Our local government members appoint elected officials and staff to serve as their representatives to the commission. The number of representatives is based on population.

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
       Transportation Infrastructure & Development

DATE: August 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 13-20: “Authorizing the executive director to participate in contracts awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program”

This resolution authorizes the executive director to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Purchasing Services Cooperative Purchasing Program.

The ODOT Director may permit any political subdivision as defined in Section 5513.01 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code to participate in contracts into which the director has entered for purchases.

ODOT maintains competitively bid contracts for items that are bought throughout the year. Purchasing off the ODOT program is similar but separate from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of State Purchasing.

This resolution will be submitted to ODOT Purchasing Services for authorization. After ODOT’s authorization, MORPC will place orders and pay invoices directly with the vendor.

Attachment: Resolution 13-20
RESOLUTION 13-20

“Autorizing the executive director to participate in contracts awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program”

WHEREAS, Section 5513.01 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides eligible political subdivisions to participate in contracts of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Purchasing Services Cooperative Purchasing Program for purchases; and

WHEREAS, purchases will include various lift equipped light transit, modified mini vans or accessible vehicles; and

WHEREAS, according to the definition of political subdivision in Section 5513.01 (B) of the ORC, a regional planning commission is eligible to purchase off ODOT’s Complete Purchasing Program contracts; now therefore,

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

Section 1. That the executive director hereby requests authority in the name of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) contracts for the purchase of items which the department has entered into pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5513.01 (B).

Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to agree in the name of MORPC to be bound by all terms and conditions as the ODOT, Director of Transportation prescribes.

Section 3. That the executive director is hereby authorized to agree in the name of MORPC to directly pay vendors, under such contract of the ODOT, which MORPC participates, for it received pursuant to the contract.

Section 4. That MORPC agrees to be responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program under Section 5513.01 (B) of the ORC. MORPC agrees to waive any claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program which MORPC may have or claim to have against ODOT or its employees, unless such liability is the result of negligence on the part of ODOT or its employees.

Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to approve change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.

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

Effective date: September 10, 2020
Submitted by: Thea Ewing, Director, Transportation Infrastructure & Development
Prepared by: Transportation Infrastructure & Development Staff
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: September 10, 2020
Memorandum

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

FROM: Brandi Whetstone, Sustainability Officer
       Planning & Environment

DATE: August 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 15-20: “MORPC commitment to become a SolSmart-designated regional organization”

This memo supports the resolution for MORPC’s commitment to become a SolSmart-designated regional organization. SolSmart is a national designation program recognizing communities and regional organizations that foster development of local solar markets, offering no-cost technical assistance to achieve designation in either gold, silver, or bronze.

A SolSmart designation aligns with MORPC’s energy planning activities and builds upon recommendations outlined in the Franklin County Energy Study and Rickenbacker Area Plan. MORPC can leverage SolSmart to accelerate the Local Government Energy Partnership and Sustainable2050 programming and enhance the value of the Central Ohio Solar Toolkit for Local Governments.

In partnership with SolSmart, MORPC’s Team Members will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts demonstrate that MORPC is committed to supporting our regional move towards a welcoming solar market and, in the process of doing so, assists us in achieving organizational priorities outlined in MORPC’s Public Policy Agenda, Regional Sustainability Agenda, and associated sustainability work.

Attachment: Resolution 15-20
RESOLUTION 15-20

“MORPC commitment to become a SolSmart-designated regional organization”

WHEREAS, MORPC is committed to supporting a regional move towards a welcoming solar market that will make it faster, easier, and more affordable to install solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, SolSmart is a national designation program recognizing communities and regional organizations that foster development of local solar markets, offering no-cost technical assistance to achieve designation in either gold, silver, or bronze; and

WHEREAS, a SolSmart designation aligns with MORPC’s energy planning activities and builds upon recommendations of the Franklin County Energy Study and Rickenbacker Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, achieving SolSmart designation demonstrates that MORPC is committed to improving solar market conditions and assists us in achieving our organizational priorities as outlined in the Public Policy Agenda and Regional Sustainability Agenda; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the Commission approves MORPC’s commitment to become a SolSmart-Designated Regional Organization.

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

Effective date: September 10, 2020
Submitted by: Kerstin Carr, Director, Planning & Sustainability
Prepared by: Brandi Whetstone, Sustainability Officer, Planning & Sustainability
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: September 10, 2020
Attachment(s): SolSmart Commitment Letter
September 15, 2020

The Solar Foundation
1110 Vermont Ave NW, Ste. 930
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Solar Statement for SolSmart Designation

Dear Scott Annis and Theresa Perry:

On behalf of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated regional organization. In partnership with the SolSmart team, MORPC’s dedicated staff members will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for the residents and businesses in Central Ohio to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also increase the efficiency of regional processes related to solar development, saving our local government members both time and money.

A SolSmart designation aligns with MORPC’s energy planning activities in pursuit of a sustainable, equitable, and prosperous Central Ohio. The designation builds upon recommendations outlined in the Franklin County Energy Study and the Rickenbacker Area Plan, which notes the regional benefits of locally-produced, cost-effective, and emission-free electricity. It enhances the value of our Central Ohio Solar Toolkit for Local Governments. Furthermore, nearly half of MORPC’s 74 member governments participate in the Local Government Energy Partnership and Sustainable2050. The designation of MORPC as a SolSmart regional organization encourages participants in these programs to continuously pursue improvements in their operations and within their communities.

MORPC will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals in the Regional Sustainability Agenda:

- (1.6) Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors
- (1.7) Increase the number of local renewable energy projects and generating capacity
- (2.1) Reduce emissions to meet federal air quality standards
- (5.2) Increase number of local governments committed to sustainability

MORPC will also leverage SolSmart to accelerate the following activities and programs:

- Assist Franklin County in the completion of the solar-relevant Franklin County Energy Study Recommendations
- Encourage new and streamline existing financial mechanisms for solar development
- Enhance the member-value of the Central Ohio Solar Toolkit for Local Governments, the Local Government Energy Partnership, the Clean Energy Acceleration Program, and Sustainable2050
- Capitalize on the economic and employment opportunities that solar development can bring to the region
- Highlight MORPC members’ continued commitment to a sustainable region
These efforts demonstrate that MORPC is committed to supporting our regional move towards a welcoming solar market and, in the process of doing so, assists us in achieving our organizational priorities as outlined in MORPC’s Public Policy Agenda, Regional Sustainability Agenda, and associated works.

Inquiries related to MORPC’s participation in SolSmart can be directed to Jon-Paul d’Aversa, senior energy planner at jpdaversa@morpc.org or (614) 233-4137.

Kind regards,

William Murdock  
Executive Director
Memorandum

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

FROM: Shawn Hufstedler
Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

DATE: August 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 14-20: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into multi-year agreements for standard administrative services”

MORPC contracts for standard administrative services such as internet, phone, audit, etc. Many times these contracts are multi-year contracts. These contracts are generally in only the current year budget since MORPC budgets on an annual basis. This resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into multi-year agreements without having to present a resolution to Commission for each individual contract. MORPC will continue to follow the procurement policy adopted by Resolution EC-01-20 on March 5, 2020.

Attachment: Resolution 14-20
RESOLUTION 14-20

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into multi-year agreements for standard administrative services”

WHEREAS, MORPC contracts for standard administrative services such as internet, phone, audit, etc.; and

WHEREAS, many times these contracts are multi-year contracts; and

WHEREAS, MORPC budgets for one year at a time; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will follow the procurement policy currently adopted by Resolution EC-01-20 on March 5, 2020; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director, in accordance with MORPC’s Procurement Policy, shall have the authority to enter into multi-year agreements for standard administrative services.

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

Effective date: September 10, 2020
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 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution EC-07-20: “Authorizing the executive director to contract with the selected general contractor for the MORPC office renovation”

This resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into contract with the general contractor for the space planning project.

In 2019, MORPC contracted with SHYFT Collective, a construction and project management firm, and M+A Architects to develop plans. With the work from home environment, the MORPC team is moving forward with office renovations to best make use of the time while team members are already out of the office.

Requests for proposals have been issued and are due back in mid-September. The total spent on the general contractor is not expected to exceed $500,000.

The general contractor is a planned part of the budget. As the contract is expected to be greater than $75,000, team members are seeking Executive Committee approval to proceed.

Attachment: Resolution EC-07-20
RESOLUTION EC-07-20

“Authorizing the executive director to contract with the selected general contractor for the MORPC office renovation”

WHEREAS, in 2019, MORPC contracted with SHYFT Collective, a construction and project management firm, and M+A Architects to develop plans for the MORPC space planning project; and

WHEREAS, with the current work from home environment, the MORPC team is moving forward with office renovations to best make use of the time while team members are already out of the office; and

WHEREAS, a suitable general contractor will be selected under MORPC’s procurement policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 budget included these funds for the space planning project; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with a general contractor for the MORPC office renovation not to exceed $500,000.

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 Committee.

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 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.

Erik J. Janas, Chair
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Effective date: September 3, 2020
Submitted by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations
Prepared by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: September 3, 2020