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NOTICE OF A MEETING

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
*VIDEO/AUDIO CONFERENCE***

Thursday, October 1, 2020
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Erik Janas, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of **September 3, 2020 minutes**
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock
4. **Committee Updates**
 - **Benefits & Compensation Committee** – Eric Phillips and Shawn Hufstedler
 - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joe Garrity
 - **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Aaron Schill
 - **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Thea Ewing
 - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Thea Ewing
5. **Proposed Resolution 16-20: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into and administer a contract for up to \$175,000 with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Karen J. Angelou
Chair

Erik J. Janas
Vice Chair

Chris Amorose Grooms
Secretary

to develop an updated and comprehensive Central Ohio Water Resources Plan for Morrow, Champaign, and Logan Counties” – Kerstin Carr

6. **Proposed Resolution 17-20: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements for November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for urgent home repair” – Robert Williams**
7. **Diversity & Inclusion Update – Niel Jurist & Ralonda Hampton**
8. **Draft Commission Agenda**
9. **Other Business**
 - **Executive Director Performance Evaluation – Chris Amorose Groomes**

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**The next Executive Committee Meeting is
Thursday November 5, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.**



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 3, 2020
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Video/Audio Conference

Members Present

Chris Amorose Groomes
Karen Angelou
Jeff Benton
Franklin Christman

Jennifer Gallagher
Erik Janas
Greg Lestini
Kim Maggard

David Scheffler
Joe Stefanov
Nancy White

MORPC Staff Present

Kerstin Carr
Thea Ewing
Joe Garrity
Shawn Hufstedler

Alex Jokerst
Niel Jurist
William Murdock
Shari Saunders

Aaron Schill
Susan Tsen
Robert Williams

Welcome – Erik Janas

Chair Erik Janas called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Chair Janas reminded committee members that this is the time of year to be talking about the Executive Director's evaluation. Board Secretary Chris Amorose Groomes is responsible for leading the process. Ms. Amorose Groomes shared the process will be the same as last year. Shawn Hufstedler will assist in assembling the necessary information to be distributed in October. Clemans Nelson will assist in completing the evaluation. More details will be shared as the time approaches.

Consent Agenda

Chris Amorose Groomes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by David Scheffler; motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock

William Murdock reported MORPC continues to move long-term projects forward such as community economic development strategies, building renovations, and even a long-term sustainability project. He is proud and grateful for a team working hard to make certain we don't miss a beat.

Residential Services continues to deliver services safely to clients. The pace looks very strong for the year. We are almost to the point we had hoped to be before the pandemic started.

Diversity and inclusion work continues in addressing racism, in conversations with staff and on our resource page. MORPC has been able to provide limited support or advice to several member governments. Mr. Murdock and Niel Jurist led a national discussion with regional councils around the country in August. Three more national discussions are planned.

Aaron Schill and the Data & Mapping Team overhauled how we do population forecasts and are ready to share with the region. Central Ohio is still expected to reach three million by 2050. MORPC is working with The Columbus Partnership and BIA to get their perspectives on the numbers and what it might mean.

MORPC continues to work remotely during COVID-19. The Team has faced limited challenges and has been doing well. The building renovations continue to proceed. The likelihood is that we

will not be back in the building until the renovations are done. The current window is end of October/early November. We will follow the re-opening strategy when the building is ready.

The Regional Housing Strategy was unveiled yesterday. Kerstin Carr will give a full presentation at the Commission meeting next week. Most of the pieces are available online. The comprehensive information affects all our communities. Mr. Murdock encouraged members to read the report. One of the next steps is to work on local housing action plans – making them real and relevant for our local governments.

MORPC's role is facilitator for the Broadband Access Pilot project. Aaron Schill is the MORPC lead for the quickly moving effort. In the last week an additional \$100,000 came in from Cardinal Health. School districts have already requested 4,500 devices and over 5,000 internet accounts. The initial target is 10,000. A surge in demand is expected when the project is opened to the general public. We will start distributing devices in September. Project partners are working to secure additional funding with corporate partners. One challenge is getting refurbished devices and having them in the pipeline. Aaron Schill asked members to let him know if they have connections to large companies that may have a standard IT cycle on devices.

Mr. Murdock is thankful for Niel Jurist. In the middle of the health crisis we have hit a stride with a wide variety of communications about our efforts. The Columbus Underground series highlights MORPC programs and staff, Thea Ewing appeared in The Economist, etc. Ms. Jurist is very grateful for a great and talented team and thanked the committee for trusting them.

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Aaron Schill

The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) met September 2 and heard project and working group updates. This is the end of the first 2-year Regional Data Agenda. The committee is reviewing the agenda and will tweak it. RDAC will prioritize and identify agenda projects they want to work on at their December or early 2021 meeting.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity

Joe Garrity reported MORPC submitted proponent testimony to the Senate Finance Committee to pass SB 357 (distribution of remaining CARES relief dollars). MORPC will share with members how much each member government is expected to receive. Other bills MORPC is monitoring include:

- HB 606 – broad civil immunity protection during COVID-19 pandemic
- SB 285 – Hands Free Ohio
- SB 346 – repeal of HB 6

The federal fiscal year ends September 30. Mr. Garrity hopes there may be some type of hybrid COVID relief/infrastructure bill by that deadline.

Mayor David Scheffler is leading the Public Policy Agenda Working Group. The group is identifying policy priorities that MORPC will advocate for in 2021 and 2022. The agenda will incorporate racial and social equity. Mr. Garrity thanked Mayor Scheffler for his leadership on the working group.

The Government Affairs Team is hosting the 2020 MORPC Election and Voting Update on September 24, 3-4 p.m. Invitations go out next week. Secretary of State LaRose will be providing updates.

Mr. Garrity was asked if there is a provision in SB 357 that would extend the deadline in the event Congress extends the use of the CARES dollars. The first deadline is to have the funds encumbered and the next deadline is for the dollars to be used.

Mr. Garrity was asked about the possibility the House was not going to vote anything out that didn't include a line item to repeal HB 6. It seems the Senate is leading the repeal of HB 6 and should not hold up SB 357. Mr. Garrity will look for more information.

Transportation Policy Committee – Thea Ewing

Thea Ewing reported MORPC recently met with the ODOT Office of Planning to review MORPC's SFY21 Planning Work Program. For SFY21 (starting July 1, 2021), ODOT is anticipating a ten percent drop in revenues of \$150 million. They thought it would be a thirty percent decrease. This is in addition to the \$130 million shortfall that occurred in the final four months of SFY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All funding currently in contract with MORPC is not in danger of being cut. The state match is not in jeopardy. MORPC is in good fiscal shape for the year. Most of MORPC's funding is federal.

Last week the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) voted to suspend the 2020 TRAC round. ODOT recommended that TRAC proceed conservatively this year and the application cycle be suspended. The majority of TRAC funding is from the state. Budget shortfalls, no extra federal funding coming, and concern that traffic volumes will not return to "normal" for three to four years affecting the fuel users fee, affected the decision to suspend TRAC. MORPC was in the middle of a public comment period for the TRAC projects in our region (any comments received will be shared with the project owners):

- Big Walnut Interchange
- Far East Freeway: Phases 2 and 3
- I-270 and US-23 Interchange
- US-33 at Pickerington Road and Allen Road
- Far East I-70 at Taylor Road & SR-256

MORPC will not prioritize TRAC projects this year. ODOT will hold the existing applications and will provide the applicants the opportunity to update at a later date (given costs and milestones will have changed for several applications). ODOT's goal is to make this as easy as possible without the need for applicants to completely resubmit. New projects will most likely be accepted, as well, when TRAC restarts.

MORPC's Competitive Advantage Program (CAP) continues. The CAP prioritizes regional projects and helps prepare the region if any recovery funds become available. It is more important than ever to get your list of projects included.

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

A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is required for creation of an Economic Development District with the U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA). The CEDS is out for public comment; no comments received so far. A lot of money is available through the U.S. Economic Development Agency that could be used for economic impact

studies for key developments in the region, a focused workforce access hub for rural partners, and staff assistance for helping members seek grant funding.

Similar to our relationship with Federal Highway and ODOT, 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.

Nancy White made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 12-20, second by Joe Stefanov; motion passed.

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

This resolution allows FTA 5310 Program for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities funds to be used on vehicles purchased through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 13-20, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 15-20: "MORPC commitment to become a SolSmart-designated regional organization" – Kerstin Carr

The SolSmart-designation is through the U.S. Department of Energy and recognizes communities and regional organizations that foster the development of local solar markets. MORPC would be one of the first regional organizations with this designation. Preliminary review of current and planned energy programming would give MORPC a silver designation. Gold status is only given once 16 communities in the region have signed-up. So far, the region has four. Benefits of designation include putting MORPC in a national spotlight, receiving free technical assistance to strengthen our solar toolkit and technical assistance available to help MORPC communities.

David Scheffler made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 15-20, second by Chris Amorose Groomes; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 14-20: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into multi-year agreements for standard administrative services" – Shawn Hufstedler

Karen Angelou made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 14-20, second by Joe Stefanov; motion passed.

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

Jennifer Gallagher made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution EC-07-20, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

Draft Commission Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft September 10, 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Other Business

A question was raised about trick or treat for this year. Historically MORPC suggests a date for communities to use or not use. This will be a topic on the community calls in September with the health department. MORPC will lean on individual communities to decide and will also seek public health guidance this year. The Governor will most likely be issuing some guidance.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary
Executive Committee



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Kerstin Carr, Director
Planning & Sustainability

DATE: September 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 16-20: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into and administer a contract for up to \$175,000 with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to develop an updated and comprehensive Central Ohio Water Resources Plan for Morrow, Champaign, and Logan Counties”**

This resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into and administer a contract with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) related to a 15-months process to develop an updated and comprehensive Central Ohio Water Resources Plan for Morrow, Champaign, and Logan Counties.

Water Quality Management (208) plans describe and promote efficient and comprehensive programs for controlling water pollution from point and nonpoint sources in a defined geographic area. OEPA reviews and updates, as necessary, the state's 208 Plan. Typically, Areawide Agencies prepare and approve the 208 Plan in their counties. The Governor then certifies the entire 208 Plan via submission to U.S. EPA for their approval.

As you may recall, MORPC was asked in 2017 to develop an updated and comprehensive Central Ohio Water Resources Plan for the 7-county region. Since completion of this project, OEPA has asked MORPC to develop and update additional county plans as well as to ensure maintenance of the existing county plans.

While MORPC is not a designated Areawide Agency, it will, on behalf of OEPA and in consultation with local governments and planning organizations in the region, complete the 208-related planning work typically performed by an Areawide Agency, but will not provide dispute resolution.

Attachment: Resolution 16-20

RESOLUTION 16-20

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into and administer a contract for up to \$175,000 with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to develop an updated and comprehensive Central Ohio Water Resources Plan for Morrow, Champaign, and Logan Counties”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) maintains an ongoing role regarding water resources in Central Ohio in providing direct services, technical and educational support, event planning, and community committees; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has an interest in providing further water quality planning and technical support services for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and MORPC have agreed upon an arrangement by which MORPC, on behalf of OEPA, will complete the planning and outreach work associated the requirements of a Water Quality Management Plan, except for dispute resolution; and

WHEREAS, OEPA sought assistance from MORPC to provide water resources planning and technical support for three additional counties in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, OEPA has allocated up to \$175,000 to cover staff time associated with administering these planning efforts; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into and administer a 15-months contract for up to \$175,000 with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to develop an updated and comprehensive Central Ohio Water Resources Plan for Morrow, Champaign, and Logan Counties and administer any related subcontracts.
- Section 2. 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 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 were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: October 8, 2020
Submitted by: Kerstin Carr, Director, Planning & Sustainability
Prepared by: Brandi Whetstone, Sustainability Officer
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: October 8, 2020



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert Williams, Director
Residential Services

DATE: September 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 17-20: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements for November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for urgent home repair”**

Franklin County accepted applications for continued funding of CDBG HUD-funded programs for 2021-2022. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) submitted an application to the Franklin County Commissioners for continued CDBG funding for the Urgent Repair Program as approved by the Franklin County Commissioners and the Economic Development and Planning Department (EDP).

MORPC applied to Franklin County for funds to continue the administration of an urgent needs repair program for an amount up to \$800,000 to complete urgent home repairs. These units consist of urgent and emergency health-and-safety-related home repairs, handicapped accessible modifications, home sewage disposal and/or private water system repairs, nuisance abatement, and major rehabilitation for homes in Franklin County outside the City of Columbus. Where possible, MORPC will leverage funds through its residential energy efficiency programs and from other agencies.

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RESOLUTION 17-20

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements for November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for urgent home repair”

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners administers the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement community authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) submitted an application to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and was awarded a contract to administer an Urgent Home Repair Program for home safety improvements, emergency repairs, home sewage disposal and/or private water system repairs, and major rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to the contracts for Urgent Home Repair 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 authorized to enter into an agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the work described in the contract for the Urgent Home Repair Program in the amount up to \$800,000.
- 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 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 were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: October 8, 2020
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