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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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Thursday, October 8, 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. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

4. **Proposed Resolution 18-20**: “Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the partners in support of the Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program” – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director

2:00 p.m.

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

   a. **Call to Order** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
   - Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Ewing, Director
   - Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, Director

c. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
   1) Approval of *September 10, 2020 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes*

d. **COVID-19 Impact on Transportation Follow-Up** – Thea Ewing, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director

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

2:30 p.m.  

6. **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Mark Forrest (Madison County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair

7. **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 & Strategic Initiatives

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

9. **Commission Consent Agenda**
   a. Approval of *September 10, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes*
   b. 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”
   c. 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”
   d. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

10. **Other Business**

3:00 p.m.  

11. **Adjourn** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
PLEASE NOTIFY SHARI SAUNDERS AT 614-233-4169 OR ssaunders@morpc.org IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.

The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, November 12, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
Video/Audio Conference
### COVID-19 Advocacy and Updates

Team Members continue to coordinate monthly COVID-19 updates MORPC is convening in partnership with the Franklin County Township Association and the Central Ohio Mayors and Manager Association (COMMA).

### COVID-19 Research Briefs

Team Members are working with local partners to develop a series of data-based research briefs to prepare and inform regional policy and decision-makers on the likely mid- and long-term effects of the pandemic and shutdowns. The project is currently in the data collection phase, with completion expected in November 2020.

### MORPC Election 2020 & Voting Update

The September 25 MORPC Election 2020 & Voting Event featured Secretary of State Frank LaRose. The program highlighted important deadlines to register, absentee voting, the need for poll workers, contested elections, the impact of COVID-19 on the election and much more.

### Public Policy Agenda Working Group

The Public Policy Agenda Working Group met September 17. Led by Mayor David Scheffler, the 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. However, it must also address the impact COVID-19 will have on local governments and racial equity. The group will meet in October and will present a draft agenda to the Regional Policy Roundtable in October.

### State Advocacy

MORPC weighed in on two critical pieces of legislation this month. MORPC submitted written proponent testimony to the Senate Finance Committee to swiftly pass Senate Bill 357. This legislation would disperse the remaining $650 million CARES relief dollars to local governments under 500,000 people. We were pleased to see the Ohio Senate passed the bill unanimously and quickly. Members of the Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee rolled SB 357 into HB 614, which creates the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council. HB 614 passed the Senate and the House concurred on the Senate's amendments.

A central piece of legislation for the remainder of the General Assembly is the repeal of House Bill 6. Senate Bill 346, introduced by Sen. Stephanie Kunze and Sen. Sean O'Brien, does just that. MORPC submitted written proponent testimony to the Senate Public Utilities Committee
earlier this month. This is a priority bill in the Senate and a bill that MORPC supports for sustainability reasons and to ensure this tainted legislation is removed.

**Transit, Mobility & Human Services**

FTA and MORPC executed Section 5310 funding for FFY 19 and 2020 enhanced mobility for older adults and people with disabilities. Eleven subrecipients will receive vehicles, purchase transportation, and capitalized maintenance.

Team Members continue work on the Specialized Mobility Search tool improvement and expansion with ODOT and regional partners. Search logic and platform improvements are being explored with RideAmigos. Conversations have begun on how to prepare training tools for other partners who wish to use the program for mobility management.

Planning has begun for the 2022-2025 Coordinated Transit Plan that will guide the Mobility Management program and transit coordination in ODOT Human Service Transportation Coordination Region 6. Team Members continue to work with ODOT and regional partners to develop the mobility management program through the Central Ohio Mobility Management Working Group. This group also serves as the coordination group for the Coordinated Transit Plan.

Team Members developed an Older Adult Biking Resource Page alongside Age Friendly Columbus, Columbus Public Health, and Franklinton Cycle works to educate and empower older adults to bicycle for recreation and transportation. Team Members participated in a panel with Infraday to partner with Midwest transportation partners on how to overcome rural transportation challenges for older adults, people with disabilities, and people with low income.

**Gohio**

Team Members launched a new Emergency Ride Home Program for Ross County. MORPC partnered with Ross County Transportation, LLC to provide quicker service to our commuters. This region has embraced ridesharing with ten vans currently traveling daily to the Chillicothe VA Hospital.

Gohio vanpool participates reduced 645,275 miles from our roadways in 2019 by vanpooling to work.

Team Members published the 2020-2021 TDM Strategic Plan for Central Ohio. The TDM Plan provides guidance for MORPC and partners to achieve MTP benchmarks and suggests actions to reduce vehicular demand. The core values of the document are people, equity, and innovation.

Team Members published the Central Ohio Employer Telework Policy Guide to support long-term transition to telework. The document includes environmental support for telework and a three-step process for implementation: internal communication, adoption of policy, and facilitation of employee agreements.

**Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)**

MORPC is creating two information folios that summarize the market analysis/existing conditions report and the route alternatives analysis report, which were the main deliverables resulting from the environmental study completed in late 2019. These folios will be available online in early October.
MORPC participated in a meeting with All Aboard Ohio (AAO) to discuss potential collaboration strategies that AAO can lead in the areas of private sector fundraising, public education/awareness, policy advocacy, and participation in public engagement opportunities when statewide rail and other applicable transportation planning studies take place. The focus of participating in these planning strategies is to advocate for an increased focus on passenger rail in funding and long-range statewide planning.

MORPC is working with JobsOhio to provide a letter of interest to Virgin Hyperloop on the Hyperloop Certification Center (HCC). Virgin Hyperloop is hoping to make an announcement of the selected site before the end of 2020.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
Five CORPO Member County Subcommittee meetings met in early to mid-September 2020. CORPO hosted a breakout session during the September 15 Ohio Safety Forum in order to learn what types of safety planning products rural stakeholders would like to meet the needs of the PWP. CORPO met with ODOT in mid-September to discuss previous and future PWP work and to touch base on needs, expectations and recommendations.

After meeting with the Knox County regarding better active transportation access in Centerburg, CORPO began to lay the groundwork for the scope of work for a potential design plan (to be completed by a consultant.)

MORPC Attributable Funding
Feedback was provided to applicants who submitted screening applications for new attributable funding commitments. Final applications are due October 9.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
Applications for funding from OPWC programs for local infrastructure projects in District 3 (Franklin County) are due to MORPC September 30. More than $27 million in grants and loans are available for projects starting construction in the SFY beginning July 1, 2021. Team Members are available to answer prospective applicants’ questions by phone, email, and virtual meeting. Applications for District 17 (includes Delaware, Licking and Fairfield Counties) are due November 6. Final applications for District 11 (includes Union County) are due October 5.

Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
District 3 (Franklin County) has $3.9 million available for green space acquisition and stream corridor restoration through the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. Applications are available on MORPC’s website. Potential applicants are invited to attend an online workshop on Tuesday, October 6, 1:30-3 p.m. A link to the workshop will be available on MORPC’s website.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)
Initial outreach has begun to Lead Economic Development Organizations (LEDOs) in each county that participates in CAP. This outreach includes updates on current CAP project statuses and identifying potential new CAP projects. County-level conversations are expected to continue through the fall, with a final list to be produced ahead of the new Congress in January.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)
Although ODOT suspended the 2020 TRAC funding cycle due to reduced revenues associated with COVID-19 impacts, MORPC continued to collect comments from the public until September 11. MORPC forwarded compiled comments to each project proponent on September 22.
Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)
The RDAC met September 1 to discuss the work of the four Working Groups, the Broadband Access Pilot Program, the COVID-19 Impact Study, and other matters.

- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Working Group met September 17 to plan the fourth quarter RIDG user group meeting and to discuss plans to develop a Steering Committee Charter. The Working Group meets again October 20.
- The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) next meets November 18, National GIS Day.

Census
The final Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee meeting was September 22.

Broadband Access Pilot Program
Team Members, ESCCO staff, and PCs for People staff continue to meet prospective funders, wireless vendors, school superintendents and other interested parties. Team Members are assisting in the community/grassroots outreach efforts in order to increase greater awareness of the program to the community. Team Members created marketing materials, drafted language and outreach materials (PDFs for print, social media posts, and targeted low-income families, nonprofit’s, social service organizations, and community/neighborhood groups). MORPC is working with the City of Columbus, to create a PSA and working with Urban One to potentially purchase radio spots to reach additional audiences. An outreach and stakeholder engagement contact list of non-profits or organizations that work with diverse populations was created to ensure we are being inclusive in our engagement efforts.

Franklin County LBRS
Team Members are working with ODOT Technical Services to help them consume Franklin County LBRS data.

Data and Mapping Outreach and Collaboration
Team Members are working on a Technical Assistance Program for the Columbus Division of Traffic Management to help them use GIS as a tool to identify streets as candidates for traffic calming devices.


Active Transportation Planning
Team Members finalized review of existing conditions with the ATP Steering Committee. At the September 1 Steering Committee meeting, members reviewed bicyclist/pedestrian travel patterns and safety data and affirmed their desire to see more and better regional connectivity between jurisdictions.

All are encouraged to take the public survey at www.morpc.org/atp and to share broadly with their networks. Promotional materials, including social media templates and yard signs, are available.

Regional Housing Strategy
The Regional Housing Strategy was rolled out to the public on September 2. An online dashboard and implementer’s toolkit are available at www.morpc.org/rhs. An accompanying
final report and additional resources will be added in the weeks ahead. As a next step, MORPC will work with individual jurisdictions to localize the regional findings and recommendations in customized Local Housing Action Agendas.

**insight2050 Technical Assistance Program (TAP)**

Team Members continued working on best practices reports for City of Hilliard Cemetery Road Conceptual Development project and Jefferson Township Blacklick Station Conceptual Development project. Team Members are developing a system to categorize recommendations from local policies and plans relevant to the Cleveland Avenue corridor for the City of Westerville Recommendations Inventory project. Team Members continued work on Franklin County Complete Streets project deliverables, including context-sensitive roadway classifications and the Complete Streets Implementation Toolkit.

**Transportation Safety**

MORPC hosted the first annual Central Ohio Transportation Safety Forum. Keith Benjamin II, Director of Traffic & Transportation for Charleston, South Carolina, joined William Murdock for a keynote discussion. Following the interview, MORPC Team Members provided an update on regional safety statistics and facilitated breakout sessions to discuss rural safety, 2019 Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan implementation, and MORPC transportation safety technical assistance.

**Sustainable2050**

At the September Sustainable2050 meeting, members discussed the connections between sustainability and mobility. Special thanks to the City of Dublin for serving as the virtual hosts for this meeting and for showcasing their recent mobility initiatives. Members also received updates on the latest happenings at MORPC, including the Regional Sustainability Agenda update, Clean Ohio Conservation Program, and October’s Summit on Sustainability.

**Central Ohio Greenways Board (COG)**

The Central Ohio Greenways Board will meet on October 21 to review working group activities. COG is accepting Board Member applications for 2021 Board Member assignments. COG plans to hire an intern by early October.

- **Trail Development Working Group**: The group is advising MORPC staff on the COG Prioritization project which will be wrapped up this Fall. The group is also developing an Urban Greenway Design Guide.
- **Marketing & Communications Working Group**: The group is reviewing passports from the August People Who Bike Campaign and will discuss ways to share the Central Ohio biking stories shared in the passports.
- **Operations & Access Working Group**: The group is interested in developing a wayfinding project as well as advising MORPC staff on other working group projects, including the Prioritization and Impacts of Trails Projects.
- **Partnership Working Group**: The group is finalizing an Environmental & Health Impacts of Trails Report as well as developing a Scope for an Economic Impact of Trails project. COG recently received funding from The Columbus Foundation and Columbus Realtors Association to fund the project. The Working Group is also advising on a Trail Funding Resource Guide.

**Sustaining Scioto Board**

The Sustaining Scioto Board met on August 26 and heard from Dr. Aaron Wilson regarding recent climate trends in Central Ohio and impacts to agriculture and water quality. Jessica D’Ambrosio, Ohio Agriculture Project Director at The Nature Conservancy, was announced as the Chair of the Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team.
MORPC is awaiting a response from the Ohio Water Development Authority regarding the application to receive Research and Development Grant funds to develop a collaborative water quality monitoring plan for the Upper and Middle Scioto.

**Energy & Air Quality**
The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met September 22 to learn about the Air Quality Sensor Subgroup’s guidance on comparing the low-cost sensor with federal regulatory air quality monitors to improve accuracy of data.

**Local Government Energy Partnership (LGEP)**
The September 9 session of Energy Academy focused on the Central Ohio Solar Toolkit and benchmarking opportunities for local governments. Commission approved MORPC’s pursuit of a SolSmart designation as a regional organization. The SolSmart designation will enhance MORPC’s ability to serve members as they explore solar for their communities and operations. Team Members continue to pursue additional partnerships for new LGEP programming in 2021.

**Regional Sustainability Dashboard**
MORPC and CURA will launch the Regional Sustainability Dashboard at the Summit on Sustainability, with a breakout session featuring the completed dashboard, along with other examples to highlight information as a motivator for community action. An article will be included in the Business First insert for the Summit.

**Summer Internship Program**
MORPC launched the Leaders & Legacy Scholarship to honor Brian Williams. Ohio University committed to fund a minimum of two Voinovich Interns in Appalachia for 2021. The 2021 Summer Intern Application process opens November 1, 2020.

**Diversity & Inclusion**
The Diversity & Inclusion Committee will reconvene and hold its first on September 29. Nine MORPC Team Members will serve on the committee.

The theme for the 2020 Social Equity Panel at the Summit on Sustainability is “The Pillars of Social Equity: Overcoming Racial Disparities to Build a More Sustainable Future.” Confirmed panelists are:

- Stephanie Hightower, President – The Columbus Urban League
- Kyle Strickland, Senior Legal Analyst - Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
- Edward Johnson, Policy Director – Columbus Public Health
- Odetta MacLeish-White, Managing Director - TransFormation Alliance (ARC)
- Moderator: Nina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Specialist - The Ohio State University

**Events**
- The Summit on Sustainability is October 15-16, 2020. MORPC is partnering with our counterpart the Atlanta Regional Commission to host the virtual conference. For more details or to register visit [www.morpc.org/summit](http://www.morpc.org/summit).
- MORPC, along with our Smart Region Task Force, will host the second web series sponsored by Verizon on October 22. The web series will focus on emerging technologies.

**Membership Services**
Membership Services continues to serve through board orientations, member visits and regional collaboration meetings.
MORPC in the News
Links to press releases and news article for the month are available at www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews.

Housing
The Franklin County Urgent Needs (FCUN) 2018 program continues moving along well: 24 completed projects; all others are in various states of production. Two additional projects were added to this round with the possibility of a third project added depending on funding. This program, which was due to wrap up by June 30, has been extended through December 2020. Team Members are working on 18 projects for the 2019 FCUN program. Two 2019 projects were moved to the 2018 funding round. Team Members plan to be caught up with the 2019 funding round by late fall. The COCIC home repair program is proceeding along.

WarmChoice
Team Members met with Fahlgren to discuss upcoming marketing efforts and the new landlord fliers. Another mailing with CMHA is scheduled to send letters to their landlords.

Projects are coming in regularly through the IMS system (average about 20 per week) and live calls are staying regular. Team Members are processing all projects for qualifications and entering them into the system. We are receiving text messages from CMHA clients and processing those through the IMS system. Team Members conducted 70 initial inspections and 40 completions in August. September initial inspections were 60 and 47 completions.

HWAP
The NEAT program functionality has been restored. We are expediting cases to catch up on production as soon as possible.

MORPC Annual Salary & Fringe Benefit Survey
MORPC’s annual member salary survey process is well under way, with an expected delivery of the final report in the second half of October. A record number of more than 30 members are participating in the survey this year.

Renovation Updates
The Operations team and project management firm, Shyft, are in the process of securing a general contractor. We expect the decision to be made in October with the majority of work being completed in November and December.

Personnel Updates
Planning & Sustainability Senior Planner Brian Williams retired September 11.

MORPC is currently recruiting for one (1) open position:
  - Data & Mapping Intern

The requirements for the posted positions are available for review on the website at http://www.morpc.org/careers/.

RFP/RFQ Postings
The following RFP’s/RFQ’s were posted:
  - 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/.
Memorandum

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

FROM: Aaron Schill, Director
       Data & Mapping

DATE: October 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 18-20: “Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the partners in support of the Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program”

The Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program is a public-private program that will address the immediate digital device and broadband access needs of low-income K-12 students in Central Ohio for the 2020-2021 school year by providing up to 10,000 refurbished PCs and 10,000 hotspot devices with pre-paid 12-month unlimited internet plans. A diverse range of public- and private-sector partners have committed support to the program through a combination of funding and in-kind contributions. To-date, more than $2 million in funding has been raised, and hundreds of computers have been donated or committed for refurbishing.

MORPC has partnered with the Educational Services Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO) and PCs for People on the development and implementation of the program. MORPC is providing program administration and management; PCs for People is providing refurbished PCs, internet accounts, and an online platform for families to register; and ESCCO is serving as the central contracting agency. In this role, ESCCO is the direct recipient of most program funding and is responsible for distributing funding to internet service providers, and other program partners, including PCs for People. However, some funders prefer to provide program contributions to MORPC instead. In these instances, MORPC will be the recipient of funds and coordinate the use of funds with ESCCO, pursuant to the grant agreements.

Resolution 18-20 authorizes the executive director to execute any required grant agreements to support the work of the Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program and contract to use the funds.

Attachment: Resolution 18-20
RESOLUTION 18-20

“Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the partners in support of the Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program”

WHEREAS, the public and private partners are authorized to make grants for programs for the betterment of the region, and

WHEREAS, MORPC will receive some funds and coordinate with the Educational Services Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO) to use the funds for this program, and

WHEREAS, the agreements for the financial assistance of these grants will impose certain obligations upon the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to file applications with and execute grant agreements on behalf of MORPC with public and private funders, and execute agreement(s) to use the funds, for up to $500,000 to aid in performing the work of the Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program (“Program”).

Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative business policies in connection with the Program’s needs.

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.

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Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: October 8, 2020
Submitted by: Aaron Schill, Director of Data & Mapping
Prepared by: Data & Mapping
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For Action Date: October 8, 2020
Attachment: Scope of the Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program
Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program

Program Synopsis
This is a public-private program that will address the immediate digital device and broadband access needs of low-income K-12 students in Central Ohio for the 2020-2021 school year by:

- providing up to 10,000 refurbished PCs
- providing 10,000 hotspot devices with pre-paid 12-month unlimited internet plans

Background
As a result of COVID-19, people are working from home in unprecedented numbers, and nearly all school-aged children are expected to utilize some form of remote education. The lack of a computer and a fast, reliable, and affordable internet connection makes remote learning impossible, and only compounds existing structural inequities in our community. Both a short-term/COVID-19 related response and long-term strategies are necessary to reduce and eliminate barriers to universal broadband access and use of digital technology.

While long-term strategies for universal broadband adoption should continue to be pursued, the program outlined in this document seeks to address digital access needs for households with school-aged children, who are starting the 2020-2021 school year in a remote or hybrid learning environment. Additionally, CARES Act funding committed by the City of Columbus and Franklin County has a short timeframe for implementation. Given these conditions, the following parameters were identified to guide development of the pilot program:

- The target start date for implementation should be as close to the start of school as possible, and the program should last for a minimum of one year to provide consistent access
- The program should be designed such that funding covering the entire program period can be expended by December 31, 2020
- Given the need for rapid implementation, the program should require no new infrastructure development, and no professional equipment installation (e.g., home cable installation)
- The program will launch with a modest estimate of demand and is scalable to meet higher needs
- The program should favor existing relationships, funding strategies, and implementation models
- The program should be flexible and additive, allowing for a range of partners to participate and should not preclude other strategies from advancing simultaneously
Program Scope
Guided by the above parameters, MORPC, the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO), and PCs for People (a national nonprofit focused on digital inclusion) have developed this program to address student broadband access on a community-wide scale. The pilot program comprises two main elements, which can be applied together or independently, depending on a family’s needs:

**Discounted PCs:** PCs for People has a strong track record of refurbishing and selling computers at minimal cost to income-qualified customers. Responding to COVID-19 remote education needs, they offer a package that includes a computer, monitor, accessories, and basic software package for $80. The devices are intended to meet general remote learning needs like videoconferencing. Funding through the pilot program will subsidize 75% of the cost ($60) of the computers for income-qualified households, with the recipient paying the remaining $20. These devices are meant to supplement, and not replace, local school district one-to-one device strategies.

**Wi-Fi hotspots and discounted internet access:** ESCCO, serving as a central contracting agency, is contracting with multiple internet service providers (ISPs) to procure hotspot devices and internet service at discounted monthly rates. The costs for hotspot devices and monthly service vary by device and ISP, but the annualized cost for the hotspot device and service are in the range of $200-$250 per household. Funding through the program pays for the cost of the hotspot device and 12 months of internet service up-front. Participating families are then asked to pay a small contribution ($20) to help defray the cost and create buy-in.

The estimated total need for connectivity that exists in Central Ohio likely far exceeds the 10,000-household target. However, given the need to rapidly procure and deploy devices, and initiate service, this is a reasonable yet meaningful starting goal. Should demand quickly exceed the initial allotment of 10,000, additional purchases of devices and service in large batches would be recommended. This maintains economies of scale for the partners and providers, while allowing for incremental program expansion as needed.

Program Funding and Partners
A diverse range of public and private sector partners have committed support to the program through a combination of funding and in-kind contributions. To-date, more than $2 million in funding has been raised, and hundreds of computers have been donated or committed for refurbishing. Key funding and partner organizations include:

- City of Columbus - $1,500,000
- Franklin County - $500,000
- Battelle - $100,000 & computers
- Cardinal Health - $100,000 & computers
- Chase Foundation - $50,000
- WCMH 4 - $20,000
- Columbus Metropolitan Library – distribution sites & tech support
- CAS – computer donation
- Columbus Chamber of Commerce – outreach & engagement

While community support has been overwhelming, additional funding is needed to meet the $2.5-$3 million program budget and additional computer donations are needed to meet anticipated demand.
Transportation Policy Committee Members

Chris Amorose Groomes  Chris Harkness  Bryan Rhoads
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Nick Gill  William Murdock  Robert Williams
Ralonda Hampton  Stephen Patchan

Guests

Mark Forrest, CORPO Chair  Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Sam Filkins  Brent Welsh, FCEO
Andy Shifflette, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter  Cathy Youlkus, Knox County
Meeting Called to Order
Chair Karen Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:53 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Ewing, MORPC
  Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director
  Thea Ewing reported the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) voted unanimously to suspend the 2020 TRAC round. As a result, ODOT staff recommended that TRAC proceed conservatively this year and that the application cycle be suspended. Reasons for the decision include ODOT is anticipating a ten percent drop in revenues (as opposed to the initial thirty percent anticipated) for a total decrease of $150 million for SFY 2021; ODOT is not receiving additional federal funding; and concern that traffic volumes will not resume to “normal” for three to four years affecting the fuel users fee. MORPC was in the middle of a public comment period for the Central Ohio projects. Public comments received will be shared with the project owners. The Central Ohio projects are:
  - 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

ODOT asked MPOs to not complete project prioritization of the applications that are being held. Once TRAC does restart it is likely that new applications will also be accepted; as such, it would be appropriate for MPOs to prioritize a complete set of applications.

ODOTs is holding the existing applications and will provide applicants the opportunity to update at a later date (given costs and milestones will have changed for several applications). ODOT’s goal will be to make this as easy as possible without the need for applicants to completely resubmit.

Ms. Ewing suggested moving the COVID-19 Impact on Transportation Follow-Up presentation to October in the interest of time. Ms. Ewing gave a quick summary:

- Traffic volumes are increasing but are not back to pre-COVID levels in the urbanized area
- Traffic congestion is still significantly less than pre-COVID levels
- Air passenger service has increased but is still significantly less than pre-COVID levels
- Air freight has been dramatically impacted throughout the pandemic with both high and low swings in demand
- Use of transit services in the region has been increasing from a significant low and transit agencies have been innovative to increase on-demand services

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda
Carrie Woody made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Mike Schadek; motion passed.
The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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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 asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 911 anniversary.

Chair Angelou welcomed members.

Recognition of Guests – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
Eileen Leuby recognized Cathy Youtkus from Knox County. Today is Ms. Youtkus’ last meeting; she is moving back to the private sector. Ms. Leuby welcomed Kathy Rose from Bexley and welcomed back Matt Huffman now with Clinton Township.

Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
William Murdock reported the MORPC Team continues to work remotely and move big long-term projects forward such as developing a community economic development strategy in partnership with One Columbus, a SolSmart designation, building renovations, and our work in Residential Services. The Residential Services Team is out in force doing home repair and energy efficiency improvements for families that need the extra help during this time. The need is greater than ever for this work. Mr. Murdock asked Commission members to help MORPC spread the word about our residential services programs.

The racism resource page is still available on MORPC’s website. The page highlights what peers, MORPC and people across the nation have done to address racism in their communities.

In response to COVID-19, MORPC’s Team will continue to work remotely until sometime in the fall. The building renovation work encompasses the entire building and will be done later this fall. The MORPC Team is finalizing the reopening strategy. MORPC continues to work with community partners like the Franklin County Township Association and COMMA on the monthly COVID-19 community calls. The calls are a great partnership that focus on health, information, and collaboration between communities. MORPC continues to update the COVID-19 dashboard on our website.

The broadband access pilot is a quickly moving program designed to connect families who are struggling with getting devices and access for their children to remote schooling opportunities. MORPC is partnering with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio on the project that has received support from Franklin County, the City of Columbus, Chase and most recently Cardinal Health. Eligible students in any Central Ohio community that works with MORPC can sign-up to for refurbished computers and broadband access points or broadband access plans. Over 5,000 requests have been received so far. The program will be launched to the public next week. To date we’ve been working directly with the school districts. Mr. Murdock asked Commission members to help get the word out so families can know about the program. MORPC will be sharing more information about how you can share this with your community next week.

Mr. Murdock highlighted MORPC’s Communications & Engagement Team’s work, led by Niel Jurist. The Team has broadened the stories about the work of MORPC and is using new formats. For instance, MORPC has a regular column in the Community News papers that connect with many of your communities. We had a partnership with Columbus Underground. In addition, MORPC’s Transportation & Infrastructure Director Thea Ewing appeared in The
Economist magazine. The point is to get the ideas that we work on for local governments out into the community. Mr. Murdock thanked Ms. Jurist and her Team for doing such a great job.

Upcoming events:

- Central Ohio Transportation Safety Forum – September 15, 2 p.m.
- Regional Collaboration Southwest – September 22, 9:30 a.m.
- MORPC Election 2020 Voter Update – September 25, 3 p.m.

Mr. Murdock announced that long-time MORPC Employee Brian Williams is retiring this week. Mr. Williams spearheaded the local food assessment and plan for the region. He has also been a key cornerstone of our work with rural and agricultural communities. Last year MORPC employees started the Leaders and Legacy Scholarship for folks in the region who have had a particularly transformative impact on the region. The scholarship helps fund a student in the local government internship program for the following year. The first scholarship last year was in recognition of Bernice Cage. We would like to honor Brian Williams the same way because of the impact he has made. For those interested, information on how to donate to the scholarship will be included in the Commission follow-up email.

**Regional Housing Study – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Sustainability Director**

Kerstin Carr presented the [Central Ohio Regional Housing Strategy](#). MORPC shared the Regional Housing Strategy and kicked-off implementation last week via a virtual event with about 200 community members. The purpose of the Regional Housing Strategy is to create a coordinated housing strategy for Central Ohio that provides investment and policy recommendations to support our communities and our growing population.

MORPC served as the project coordinator and worked with Enterprise Community Partners and local partners who helped with the financial side, market analysis, and public engagement. Between the project sponsors and advisory board, the Regional Housing Strategy was guided by nearly 100 regional leaders representing over 50 organizations across public, private, non-profit, and philanthropic sectors. Additionally, we heard from many others throughout the process, via surveys, workshops, and interviews.

Five core regional housing issues emerged, which built the framework for the Regional Housing Strategy:

- Increased competition for homes
- Barriers limiting access to homes
- A limited supply of homes priced for low-income households
- Demand for more diverse housing stock
- Housing instability among Central Ohioans

Factors contributing to our region’s core housing issues include cost-burdened households, evictions, and low housing production. One way to address the low housing production is to facilitate discussions between developers and local governments to look for inefficiencies and find solutions.

Over 100 strategies were identified to tackle housing in Central Ohio. The project sponsors and advisory board prioritized them to develop the top strategy per core housing issue.

- Adopt a “green tape” development review process
- More tenant-based rental assistance
• Enact source of income protection laws
• Create a state housing tax credit
• Pilot the development of diverse, lower-cost housing products

Everything you need to get started is online now at morpc.org/rhs. The most important online tool is the Implementer’s Toolkit which provides information about the unique submarkets that make up Central Ohio’s housing landscape and the actions that could be implemented. The toolkit is designed to grow and flex as the region grows and priorities change.

Next steps include initiating the five housing strategy priorities. They will likely not all be led by MORPC, since there are better and more knowledgeable organizations that can help lead these. MORPC is happy to facilitate and kick-off discussions.

Dr. Carr thanked the project sponsors. Dr. Carr recognized Jennifer Noll for the amazing job she did as the project lead for MORPC. All MORPC departments were involved in the project.

Several project sponsors voiced their appreciation for the work and excitement for implementation.

**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, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director and Ted Geer, MORPC Economic Development Officer

This resolution is the first step in a process to become an Economic Development District. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) has been posted on MORPC’s website for comment. The CEDS ties together the existing body of regional plans with the One Columbus regional strategy that was released last fall. Being an economic development district opens new federal funding streams and strategic tools for the region through the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Eric Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution 12-20, second by Roby Schottke; motion passed.

**Committees**

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

Brad Ebersol presented the Regional Data Advisory Committee Update. The committee met September 1 and received a Census 2020 update, heard working group reports, and reviewed the Regional Data Agenda. The next meeting is December 1.

MORPC Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill reported MORPC received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop a series of COVIID-19 related research briefs to track data related to the economic, social, demographic, and growth impacts that COVID-19 poses for our region. MORPC is one of seventeen organizations across the country awarded a grant for this purpose. MORPC will develop research briefs for seven key topic areas. The briefs will be issued in November. While they will be individual briefs, they will also be part of a series.
Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs
Joe Garrity presented the Regional Policy Roundtable Update. The 2021-2022 Public Policy Agenda Working Group, chaired by Mayor David Scheffler, continues its work on the Public Policy Agenda with a renewed focus on equity in the region. The working group meets again next week. Mr. Garrity invited members to the 2020 Election and Voting Update featuring Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose. The update is Friday, September 25, 3 p.m. The next Regional Policy Roundtable Meeting is October 20.

- Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs
  Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity gave the legislative update highlighting the following:
  - SB 357 – Disbursement of remaining relief dollars
  - SB 346 – Repeal of HB 6
  - SB 285 – Hands Free Ohio
  - HB 606 – COVID related liability protection
  - Federal appropriations deadline
  - COVID-19 federal relief

  See the September 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 Sustainability Advisory Committee recommends the Commission approves Resolution 15-20 on the Consent Agenda committing MORPC to become a SolSmart-designated regional organization. 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. 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.

MORPC’s annual educational air quality marketing campaign focused on lung health and the link between air pollution exposure and COVID-19 outcomes. According to a 2020 report by Harvard’s School of Public Health, exposure to moderate to unhealthy air quality conditions increases the death rate of COVID-19 patients by at least eight percent across the United States.

MORPC received a $20,000 grant from The Columbus Foundation and $7,500 from the Columbus Board of Realtors to conduct an economic impact of trails study. This will be the last of Central Ohio Greenway’s data gathering projects to quantify the impact of trails in our region. MORPC is leading a project to better understand the environmental and health impacts of trails and is also prioritizing its trail vision network for equity and need.

Transportation Policy Committee – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
Chair Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:53 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:59 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.
Commission Consent Agenda
Greg Lestini made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 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: Kerstin Carr, Director
      Planning & Sustainability

DATE: October 2, 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
Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert Williams, Director
       Residential Services

DATE: October 2, 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.

Attachment: Resolution 17-20
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 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

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