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Active Transportation Committee 2020-2021 Action Plan

Mission:

To collaborate on a regional level toward the development of a safe, equitable, comfortable, and connected network of active transportation facilities across Central Ohio that provides access for people of all ages and abilities to get to the places they need and want to go.

Goals:

1. Advocate for and pursue the implementation of innovative and low-stress active transportation infrastructure throughout Central Ohio.

Action items:

- Serve as experts to advise the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).
- Support achievement of all active transportation related goals in current and future versions of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Active Transportation Plan (ATP), and Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA).
- Identify policies, programs, initiatives, and resources that MORPC and other partners can pursue for low-stress network education and implementation.
- Provide resources and support multi-jurisdictional coordination in planning and implementation of active transportation infrastructure.
- Collaborate on and coordinate efforts to significantly reduce severe injuries and fatalities for people walking and bicycling or using active transportation facilities throughout our region. Action items:
 - Support achievement of all active transportation related goals in the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan (COTSP).
 - Assist MORPC partners with developing and adopting transportation and land use policies
 that prioritize the safety of people walking and bicycling, or using active transportation
 facilities.
 - Encourage collaboration and coordination along multi-jurisdictional priority safety locations.

- 3. Increase regional stakeholders' understanding of the sustainability, economic, health, social, and transportation benefits of a connected active transportation network.

 Action items:
 - Support active transportation education at regional and community events including, but not limited to Central Ohio Greenways Forum and the Summit on Sustainability.
 - Host additional programs and events to provide more educational opportunities for regional stakeholders.
 - Share external opportunities for active transportation training and education.

Membership:

The committee consists of government agency staff, representatives for relevant organizations, relevant advocacy organizations, and technical experts and/or community members not associated with a department within a MORPC member jurisdiction. Representatives may come from any area of government (i.e. staff, elected, or appointed), as deemed relevant by the member jurisdiction. Interdepartmental representation is encouraged; however, no jurisdiction may have more than 3 representatives with voting privileges on ATC at one time.

Two Chairs will be appointed within the ATC every two years beginning in 2022 with the new leadership recognized during the first meeting of the year. The Chairs are expected to assist MORPC staff with developing agendas for and leading quarterly committee meetings, appoint Working Group chairs as needed, and report relevant ATC updates to TAC meetings on a quarterly basis.

Working Groups may be formed to help reach the goals outlined in the Action Plan. The working groups will meet based on a schedule agreed upon by its members. The working groups will exist for project duration or until the ATC Chairs and Working Group chair deem necessary, whichever comes first.

The mission, goals, and action items within the Action Plan will be assessed every two years, beginning in 2022, to align with the appointment of new ATC Chairs.