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

Thursday, February 11, 2021
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1:30 p.m. 1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Welcome and Introductions – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
   - Recognition of Guests and New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

3. One MORPC One Voice: Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity – Dr. Beverly Vandiver, Kirwan Institute Executive Director

4. Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
   a. Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
   b. Future Ready by 5 Plan – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Sustainability Director and Jane Leach, Future Ready Columbus Executive Director
2:00 p.m.  Committees

5. 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

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

2:30 p.m.

7. 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 December 10, 2020 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
   
   d. Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

8. Commission Consent Agenda
   
   a. Approval of December 10, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes
   
   b. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

9. Other Business

3:00 p.m.

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

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The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, March 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Audio/Video Conference
State of the Region
MORPC’s State of the Region will be held virtually March 31, 2021 from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Register today.

Diversity & Inclusion (D&I)
To ensure that we are meeting our D&I goals and we are committed to ongoing evaluation and improvement of our diversity efforts, Team Members created a brief survey to capture the demographics of our committees. The survey was distributed to MORPC’s committees and it will help us to gain a better understanding of the makeup of various MORPC committees.

Team Members are working with YWCA staff to finalize the details of a partnership between them and MORPC to enhance our D&I efforts. More details will be announced in MARCH.

Team Members coordinated and planned speakers for a virtual panel discussion to commemorate Black History Month. The panel features Dr. Jack Marchbanks, Suzane Bradford (Executive Director at Lincoln Theater) and Kathleen Bailey (NEAC Chair). Excited to speak about transportation, housing, the arts and more pertaining to the historical King-Lincoln Bronzeville neighborhood.

Team Members met with the Diversity & Inclusion Committee to identify Black Americans to highlight in recognition of Black History Month on MORPC’s digital media channels.

Regional Housing Strategy
MORPC is pleased to announce the Regional Housing Strategy Speaker Series kicks off February 19 with a goal to bring together national thought-leaders in a discussion of innovative housing programs and policies. Session 1 will be held virtually 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Registration is open for the free series.

MORPC hosted a January 29 webinar to update RHS participants and MORPC members on the progress that has been made since the RHS was released last fall. If your community is interested in getting a presentation about the RHS, please contact Jennifer Noll at jnoll@morpc.org.

Public Policy Agenda 2021-2022
MORPC’s 2021-22 Public Policy Agenda was adopted by the Commission last December. The design of the agenda was completed in January and staff will begin to meet with the Central Ohio General Assembly Delegation. For more information on the agenda and MORPC’s government affairs work, please visit morpc.org/govaffairs.

Regional Mobility Plan
Team Members led steering committee meetings and scheduled virtual public meetings for the ODOT Region 6 Coordinated Plan (the Regional Mobility Plan [RMP]). A dedicated website includes plan updates and information on a public survey and public meetings. The Specialized Mobility Search Tool is nearing end of development. Preparation for user testing is underway and includes development of a recorded
demonstration, help guide PDFs, and a formal process for input gathering. County breakout meetings are scheduled for each county in Region 6 for detailed conversations on local-level challenges that need to be prioritized in the RMP.

Excellence in Financial Reporting
For the 32nd consecutive year, MORPC received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program) to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

Central Ohio Defense Group
The Central Ohio Defense Group (CODP) convened its winter meeting January 29. MORPC plans to elevate the work of the defense group this year with our local government members. Elaine Bryant from the Dayton Development Corporation provided an update to the group. With the transition to a Biden Administration this year it will be critical for CODP to establish relationships with the new administration and protect our unique defense assets such as the Defense Supply Center Columbus, the 121st Refueling Wing at Rickenbacker, and the Licking/Newark/Heath Port Authority.

Lame Duck Priorities
In December, the Government Affairs team was assertive in advocating for the agency’s agenda during the Ohio General Assembly’s lame duck session. The advocacy priorities focused on remote meeting flexibility, broadband investment, curbing distracted driving, repealing HB 6, the passage of a capital budget, and support investment in trails. At the federal level, MORPC’s highest priority is supporting passage of a robust COVID-19 relief package that includes revenue replacement for local governments and an extension of CARES dollars and making those dollars more flexible.

We were pleased to see Ohio’s $2.1 billion capital appropriations budget was signed into law which included the following:
- $280 million for the Public Works Commission to help finance local infrastructure projects.
- $171.4 million in community projects. The breakdown of other appropriations includes:
- $253 million for the maintenance and preservation of dams, parks, trails, waterways, and wildlife; $62.5 million for the Clean Ohio program.

MORPC serves on the prioritization committee with the Columbus Partnership and we were pleased to see three critical trail projects: the Alum Creek and Olentangy Trail Connector for $500k, the Hudson Greenway Trail for $750k, and Hayden Run Trails greenway at $300k. MORPC staff will be assertive in the upcoming state operating and transportation budgets.

Columbus Region Coalition
MORPC as its role as a regional convenor facilitates the Columbus Region Coalition (CRC). The coalition represents local governments, the business community, and educational and community stakeholders across fifteen counties in Central Ohio. With the start of a new administration and congress the coalition will convene a virtual congressional event March 15-16, 2021 to share our regional priorities with officials in the Administration and Congress.

Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program
MORPC, the Educational Services Center of Central Ohio, and PCs for People continue to meet with prospective funders, wireless vendors, school superintendents and other interested parties. Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill is serving on the Steering Committee of the Community Response and Collaboration Working Group to develop a digital equity framework. This project aligns with MORPC’s strategic framework.

LinkUS
In early January, the consultant for the Northwest Corridor Study recommended the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) mode for the corridor. The mode recommendation was based on evaluating the BRT and light rail transit
(LRT) through a high-level evaluation that included capacity needs, a cost per mile criteria, and right-of-way characteristics. Work is proceeding with a more detailed analysis of the BRT benefits for each route alternative. A virtual public meeting for the Northwest Corridor Study is scheduled for February 10. Visit linkuscolumbus.com for more information.

In January, the consultant for the East-West Corridor Study recommended BRT as the mode over LRT, Streetcar and Commuter rail. The mode recommendation was based on evaluating the modes through a high-level evaluation that included corridor fit, capacity needs, capital and operating cost per mile criteria, and right-of-way characteristics. Work is proceeding with a more detailed analysis of the BRT benefits for each segment through the corridor. A virtual public meeting for the East-West Corridor Study is scheduled for February 10. Visit linkuscolumbus.com for more information.

Federal Competitive Programs
The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is expected to announce the FY2021 rounds of the Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) and the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant programs in the near future. These programs fund major investments in transportation infrastructure and are a key tool to drive federal investment in the Columbus Region.

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)
Two folios have been posted to the MORPC RSTI website: an Existing Conditions and Market Analysis summary and a Route Alternatives Analysis summary. Team Members met with All Aboard Ohio, the Northeast Indiana Passenger Rail Association, and others to discuss next steps in the passenger rail project. MORPC will be working with its Indiana partners on engaging the Indiana Department of Transportation and continues to monitor opportunities to advance the project.

Transit
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FFY 2021 and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) FFY 2021 formula apportionments were announced for the Columbus Urbanized Area (UZA). The typical annual apportionment is over $21 million. The CRRSAA amount is over $55 million (CARES was $53 million). MORPC will split these per the Columbus UZA FTA Formula Funding agreement with COTA, Delaware County Transit and Licking County Transit.

Gohio
MORPC initiated planning for Regional Transit Demand Management (TDM) initiatives for 2021 with reference to the Central Ohio 2021-2022 TDM Plan. Initial planning for bike month is underway.

Team Members are developing neighborhood mobility maps to encourage sustainable transportation behavior in Central Ohio. The first two neighborhood maps are for Franklinton and Linden in partnership with Columbus Public Health.

Team Members are developing a transit educational resource for older adults to continue the development of educational tools for sustainable transportation behavior. This is the second document being developed for a series of age-specific resources.

Team Members participated in a podcast and PBS documentary to highlight telework and sustainable transportation for the general public. Specifically, Gohio Commute, the Central Ohio Business Telework Guide, and the Regional Mobility Plan were recognized as initiatives for advancing accessible and sustainable transportation in Central Ohio.

Team Members continue to help essential workers with sustainable transportation throughout the pandemic. MORPC staff is working with Nationwide Children’s Hospital to create an awareness campaign around MORPC’s Emergency Ride Home program.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
The newest edition of the CORPO Newsletter is available on the CORPO website. Team Members are forming a working group for the Knox-Morrow Freeway Access Study and are currently gathering initial data for the project. Draft chapters of the Madison County Thoroughfare Plan and Access Management
Regulations document was provided to the county engineer for review. Assistance continues to Union County and ODOT on the US 33 Plan as well as with transit and mobility related work.

**Competitive Advantage Projects**

The 2020-2021 Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) program update is near-complete, with a final project list expected in mid-February. Counties are updating their projects through locally preferred channels ahead of MORPC engagement with federal and state lawmakers.

**MORPC Attributable Funding**

The preliminary draft scoring of new funding applications was presented to the Attributable Funding Committee (AFC) in December. Throughout December, Team Members met with applicants and members of the AFC to discuss draft scores. Team Members also received written comments from applicants and AFC members. These discussions and comments were addressed by Team Members. Revised scores were provided to AFC mid-January. AFC began developing draft recommendations for funding at the January 20 meeting. This process will continue during the February 3 AFC meeting. A public comment period for the AFC recommendations will be held from mid-February to mid-March.

**Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)**

Below is the preferred slate of awards for infrastructure projects approved on December 18 by the Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for OPWC District 3, comprising Franklin County. The funds were available as grants and loans in SFY 2022 (Round 35) from the State Capital Improvements Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP).

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<td>Woodcliff Drive Realignment</td>
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**TOTAL** $58,272,941 $27,305,741
Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
The NRAC received 10 preliminary screener applications from six agencies intending to apply for Round 15 of Clean Ohio Conservation funding. The total amount requested is $5.7 million, and there is currently $5.4 million available. These applicants presented their proposals to the NRAC on January 6. Pre-applications are not required to be eligible to submit final applications, which are due March 19.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)
The RDAC met December 1 to discuss the MORPC and City of Columbus Broadband Programs, COVID-19 Research Briefs, the Smart Region Task Force, and updating the Regional Data Agenda.
- The Regional Data Agenda Working Group met January 28 to review and update the current Regional Data Agenda. This Working Group is expected to convene for a few months with the updated Regional Data Agenda being adopted in the first half of 2021.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Working Group’s final meeting was December 15. The Group has now transitioned to the RIDG Steering Committee which will meet quarterly to plan the quarterly RIDG user meetings.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Steering Committee met January 13 to discuss formats for future RIDG user group meetings, as well as presentations and surveys for the February 3 meeting.
- The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group continues their work via the Fiber Network Subgroup.

RDAC User Groups
The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) met December 2 with presentations from ODOT, ESRI and an introduction to the COGUG Miro Board. Members broke into groups to discuss LBRS, Data, ArcPro, and AGO.

The Regional Information & Data Group met February 3 for presentations on the Regional Housing Strategy and other topics.

COVID-19 Research Briefs
Team Members continue working with the selected vendor and 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.

ESRI ArcGIS Urban
Team Members are working to gather data for use with the new ESRI ArcGIS Urban program being rolled out.

Active Transportation Plan (ATP)
As part of the ATP’s continued outreach and engagement strategy, MORPC Team Members will host five focus groups in February to discuss unique active transportation issues with historically underrepresented groups within our region. The meetings will include discussions around Economic Development, Children/Youth, Minority Health, Older Adults and People with Disabilities. The biking and walking survey for the ATP was advertised on Facebook in English and Spanish.

Complete Streets
The Complete Streets Steering Committee will begin meeting early this year to finish the update to the Regional Complete Streets Policy in line with the regional Active Transportation Plan update.

Active Transportation Committee
The Active Transportation Committee met December 8. Angie Schmitt, author of Right of Way: Race, Class and the Silent Epidemic of Pedestrian Deaths in America, joined the committee for a discussion on Pedestrian Safety.
Data Collection Program
Team Members coordinated with Central Ohio Greenways partners to submit a grant application to the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy for the purchase of new data collection equipment to enhance the regional non-motorized data collection program. Grant awardees will be notified early this year.

Active Transportation Outreach
Team Members plan to test a virtual “watch party” for the February 17 APBP Webinar. The webinar topic is “Making Intersection Crossings Safe and Efficient: A Summary of the NCHRP 3-133 Report.” Please contact Lauren Cardoni, lcardoni@morpc.org, for more information. The webinar begins at 3 p.m.

MORPC is coordinating with the FHWA to host a workshop on how to use the FHWA Bikeway Selection Guide in early March. Please contact Lauren Cardoni, lcardoni@morpc.org, for more information, or if you have staff interested in participating.

insight2050 Technical Assistance Program (TAP)
Team Members continued work on an inventory of plans, goals, recommendations, and design standards for the Westerville Cleveland Avenue Recommendations Inventory project. Team Members continued work on the Franklin County Complete Streets project deliverables by coordinating with FCEO staff to determine the appropriate decision-making data and map format. Team Members continued work on a methodology for Columbus’ Speed Management Framework project. Team Members held meetings with Jefferson Township and the City of Hilliard to finalize the proposed land use and transportation recommendations maps. Team Members will begin working on the final reports.

Transportation Safety
MORPC Team Members participated in the December 1 OARC Transportation Safety Subcommittee meeting. As part of the ODOT Highway Safety Improvement Program update, there will not be a Spring 2021 funding round, but ODOT is revising the program to accept funding applications on a quarterly basis going forward. The eligible application types and application deadlines for CY2021 are summarized in the table below:

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The new Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan was approved by FHWA in December.

MORPC participated in the December 7 SHSP Steering Committee meeting. According to ODOT, there were 1,128 fatalities throughout the state as of November 29, 2020, which is higher than for the same period in 2019.

MORPC Team Members attended the December 11 and January 7 Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review meetings. Four of the fourteen crashes reviewed included motorcycles, and four others involved pedestrians. Two of the pedestrian-involved crashes were hit/skip crashes that are currently unsolved. Most of the remaining crashes involved speeding, reckless driving, and/or alcohol/drugs.

MORPC staff provided technical assistance to Grove City to apply to ODOT’s Local Safety Assistance Program (LSAP) at the end of December. If awarded, ODOT will provide consultant assistance to the City to conduct a safety study along US 62 from Southwest Blvd to I-270.

Sustainable2050
Our thanks to Sustainable2050 members for providing feedback on proposed updates to the Regional Sustainability Agenda, which serves as the foundation of the Sustainable2050 program. MORPC looks forward to continuing to support its members in working toward the goals and objectives of this document.
Central Ohio Greenways Board (COG)
The COG Board met January 20 and welcomed two new members – Autumn Glover and Bertie Fields. The Board voted to increase the number of Board members from 22 to up to 25. COG and MORPC staff will work to fill the additional seats in 2021. The Board also voted to update the Regional Trail Vision to accommodate four route modifications stemmed from new feasibility understandings.

- The Trail Development Working Group finalized the trail prioritization effort, which will be released publicly in the coming weeks. The group will begin strategizing ways to encourage collaborative funding of trail projects.
- The Marketing & Communications Working Group is focused on identifying curated trail routes to encourage people to check out trails for independent 5k, other races, and fun opportunities. The City of Dublin is developing a model for these loops. The group is also working with RTC on a Trail Moments campaign aimed to collect stories about people who use trails.
- The Operations & Access Working Group discussed strategies to engage people of color in the trail efforts. Jasmine Walker shared a recent social media engagement success.
- The Partnership Working Group is advising an Impact of Trails report. An RFP will be released in the coming weeks to hire support in better understanding the return on investment of building out the Regional Trail Vision.

Sustaining Scioto Board
The Sustaining Scioto Board met December 9 to review 2020 achievements and discuss 2021 priorities including:

- Potential National Science Foundation funding for pursuing water quality monitoring objectives.
- A regional forum on resources and best practices for updated precipitation data for water infrastructure planning.
- Continuation of the Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team.
- Establishing a Communications and Educational Team.
- The Agriculture and Rural Communities Outreach Team met January 21. The Team is developing an outreach agenda involving interviewing key informants in the Scioto watershed and identified SWCD supervisors, county commissioners, and township trustees as local decision makers or thought leaders that might signal insights to barriers of adoption and attitudes about specific policies and practices. The goal of this exercise is to help inform the next step of developing a targeted engagement outreach to the agricultural and rural community.

Energy & Air Quality
The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met November 24 to review 2020 achievements and discuss 2021 priorities.

- The Air Quality Sensor Subcommittee is moving forward with the assignment of an air quality scientist to the project through the Thriving Earth Exchange program. The subcommittee is also reviewing a ranking of the vulnerability of populations in Franklin County zip codes to air pollution exposure based on sociodemographic and heath data. This ranking will be used to choose sites for installing air quality monitors.
- The Solar Subcommittee is collecting documentation for the SolSmart Designation application. Submittal is expected to be in February.
- The Diversity and Environmental Justice Subcommittee is seeking members and working to achieve the 2021 priorities of developing the group roster and a work plan.

Local Government Energy Partnership (LGEP)
In response to the growing demand for utility-scale solar, MORPC through the Local Government Energy Partnership, developed Solar Week. Solar Week was the first week of February and presented seminars on a range of pressing topics. Speakers included representatives from the Ohio Power Siting Board, Ohio Farm Bureau, ODSA, Bricker and Eckler, the City of Columbus, and Smart Columbus Energy.

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)
Member appointments were confirmed for the 2021 Sustainability Advisory Committee and a new member orientation is planned for February 9. The first meeting of the year is February 17 at 2:30 pm, featuring updates on the Regional Sustainability Agenda, an overview of 2020 accomplishments, and a look ahead at 2021.
- **Regional Sustainability Dashboard:** MORPC and CURA have continued to promote the dashboard through online newsletters and social media posts. In December, both agencies partnered on a holiday-themed social media campaign to highlight ways to save money and be more sustainable, featuring a topic each day with a link back to the Sustainability Dashboard. The Team is planning to host a webinar in the spring to feature the Dashboard and how to make the most of this resource.

- **Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee (RSA):** A solid draft is in place for RSA goals and objectives, which was reviewed at the December Subcommittee meeting. The draft framework was also presented at the Sustainability Advisory Committee and Sustainable2050 December meetings for member discussion and input. Next, the Subcommittee will be vetting the proposed strategies to support the goals and objectives, many of which align with existing Sustainable2050 priorities and MORPC plans. New strategies have been developed to encourage more equitable outcomes to increase the benefits to communities, and an equity resource document is under development to supplement the agenda. In February, the group will be seeking additional stakeholder input to include organizations and partners addressing poverty, racial justice, rural priorities, environmental sustainability, and private sector business.

- **Outreach:** Plans are underway to host a virtual meeting to bring together the resident-based sustainability advisory groups focused on supporting/advising local government sustainability efforts. The Chairs from the Bexley Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee are taking the lead to bring everyone together with the goal of sharing updates and information on priorities, challenges, or potential areas for collaboration across communities. The meeting date is targeted for February.

**Membership Services**

Membership Services continues to serve through monthly forums for Central Ohio Local Governments, coordinating monthly Ohio University Partnership planning calls, coordinating presentations for Franklin and Madison Counties, conducting the Southeast and Northwest Regional Collaborations, and completing several member visits and providing follow-up on issues raised.

Team Members placed two early starts for the 2021 Summer Intern Program in Somerset and Grandview Heights. Recruiting and screening candidates for the program continues.

Team members conducted a mini board orientation for new member Village of Hebron.

**MORPC in the News**

Links to press releases and news article for the month are available at [www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews](http://www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews).

**Housing**

Team Members completed 30 projects for the Franklin County Urgent Needs (FCUN) 2018 program. Two projects are in production. An extension has been granted into 2021 to give the contractors time to wrap up the last few projects. Team Members are processing 26 projects in the 2019 FCUN program. Due to COVID-19, production for the 2019 FCUN program is behind. A request for an extension of the 2019 FCUN funding is being prepared. The FCUN 2020 program funding agreement has been received. Team Members will begin reviewing applications and projects for this round the first quarter of 2021.

COCIC extended funding into 2021 with an amendment to the agreement. They will be working with us to establish an agreement for additional work in the Leonard Park area. The Housing Team is gathering the information needed for this agreement.

MORPC did not receive the grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank. Team Members will follow-up with the funder on an application review. Team Members are determining if applying for funding in 2022 is an option.

**WarmChoice**

Columbia Gas put out an email blast that produced a slight bump in application requests. Production to date for 2020: 502 initial inspections and 325 completions. For January 2021: 38 initial inspections and 33 completions.

**HWAP**

Production is steady and proceeding normally. Incoming projects have increased. Eleven of thirteen projects have been completed year-to-date. Nine projects are in process.
Housing Special Projects
Team Members continue to work with IMPACT to coordinate combination jobs, per Columbia Gas request. Team Members are working with ODSA for permission to do combination jobs with IMPACT for multi-family units.

Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP)
The Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) for 2021 was approved by ODOT. The fringe rate is 58% of direct labor costs and the overhead rate is 62% of direct labor and fringe costs.

MIP Cloud Migration
The Finance and IT Teams worked together to migrate MORPC’s MIP Fund Accounting system to the cloud on January 27. This provides more functionality and more flexibility for the Finance team’s access to the accounting system.

Renovation Updates
The renovation construction is nearly complete, with a few long lead-time items to be completed in mid-February. The next portions of the renovation project include furniture, graphics, and technology improvements, all of which have begun. The Information Technology Services Team continues to support the office renovation by continuing to port desktop phone numbers into Microsoft Phone Systems; continuing work on audio/video technology design for meeting spaces; beginning to work on installing network access points; finalizing printing services; and setting up individual work areas.

Information Technology Updates
ITS continues to conduct phish email testing. The January prone to phish rate was 3.8%. Users who fail the test receive required video-based training. Several projects are in process:
- Increasing local storage for servers
- Replacing a remote access using a legacy server with a web-based gateway built-in to ease user access
- Implementing software allowing ITS to take full control over users remotely when necessary to ease the support tasks
- Selecting an enterprise antivirus software

Personnel Updates
The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:
- Data & Mapping Intern Betsy Ehmcke began December 9
- Public Policy Fellow Kiley Kinnard began January 4
- Data & Mapping GIS Intern Lacey Stevens began January 25

MORPC is currently recruiting for four (4) open positions:
- Data & Mapping – Data Analyst
- Planning & Sustainability – Energy & Air Quality Intern
- Planning & Sustainability – Active Transportation Intern
- Residential Services Program Assistant

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:
- Economic Impact of Trails Study (closes February 15, 2021)
- Air Quality Forecasting (closes February 19, 2021)
- RFP 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/.
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 10, 2020
Time: 2:59 p.m.
Location: Video/Audio Conference

Transportation Policy Committee Members
Chris Amorose Groomes  Tom Homan  Eric Richter
Mike Anderson  Melanie Houston  Cornell Robertson
Karen Angelou  Matt Huffman  Derek Robinson
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Ben Collins  Ben Kessler  Kim Sharp for
Michelle Crandall  Bill LaFayette  Joanna Pinkerton
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Cindi Fitzpatrick  Rory McGuiness  Nancy White
Catherine Girves  Bonnie Michael  Carrie Woody
Matt Greeson  Robert Peters
Bill Habig  Bryan Rhoads

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Joe Antram  David Henry  Steve Stolte
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Thea Ewing  Natalie Hurst  Hosana Tekie
Mary Ann Frantz  Eileen Leuby  Susan Tsen
Joe Garrity  William Murdock  Nathaniel Vogt
Ted Geer  Stephen Patchan  Brandi Whetstone
Nick Gill  Shari Saunders  Robert Williams
Ralonda Hampton  Aaron Schill

Guests
Adam Burris  Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Lori Duguid, ODOT District 6  Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Mark Forrest, Madison County  Brent Welch, FCEO
Andrew Shepler, ODOT

Meeting Called to Order
Chair Karen Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Ewing, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director
  Thea Ewing reported the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) reappointed three members and added many new members. The new CAC Chair is LaGrieta Holloway and the new Vice-Chair is Larry Robertson.

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) reappointed three members and added two new members: Letty Schamp, City of Hilliard, and Matt Huffman, Clinton Township. The officers remained the same: Chair Cindi Fitzpatrick; Vice-Chair James Young.

The consent agenda includes two proposed resolutions. Proposed Resolution T-13-20 amends the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and enables the subject projects to advance and maintain fiscal constraint. Most of the $457 million funding adjustments are reallocations from one year to the next or from one phase to another. Approximately $330 million is for COTA amendments.

Proposed Resolution T-14-20 adopts annual safety performance measures. Each year the state sets targets for the five safety performance measures (number of fatalities, fatality rate, number of serious injuries, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries). MORPC Staff recommends adopting ODOT’s targets which were set at two percent reduction for each of the five measures. MPOs are required by law to create their own safety performance measures or adopt the state’s.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda
Greg Lestini made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Catherine Girves; motion passed.

Coordinated Plan – Thea Ewing, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director
Thea Ewing presented the Human Service Transportation Coordination (HSTC) Region 6 Transit Coordinated Plan which focuses on older adults and persons with disabilities. Data collection and public engagement will be facilitated to confront local-level mobility challenges and regional solutions. Estimated completion is September 2021.

Ms. Ewing provided additional information for the website presentation but did not cover in the meeting.

The 2020-2021 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Plan is available on MORPC’s website. TDM strategies involve using education, outreach, incentives, and programming to encourage and empower the public to use sustainable modes of transportation. The seven strategy categories focus on people, innovation, and equity and coordinates with MTP goals. The Mode Shift Coalition met with Columbus Public Health and Toole Design workshop to develop action steps for program improvement.

The Central Ohio Employer Telework Policy Guide is available on MORPC’s website. A second document focusing on disparities is being developed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.
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Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter  
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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 thanked and recognized retiring and outgoing public service stakeholders and board members:

- David Collinsworth, City of Westerville City Manager
- Charles Hall, Union County Commissioner
- John Bayliss, Logan County Commissioner
- Julie Colley, City of Westerville Assistant City Manager
- Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioner
- Pat Blayney, Delaware County
- Jim O’Brien, Perry County Commissioner

Chair Angelou thanked Catherine Girves for her service as Chair of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) the past four years. She will continue to serve on CAC and other committees.

Chair Angelou announced she will be appointing a Nominating Committee shortly. Elections are not until April, but the process begins now. The new committee will get started in January. Let Chair Angelou know if you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee.

**Recognition of Guests – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer**

Eileen Leuby welcomed new ODOT Deputy Director Lori Duguid, Village of Hebron Administrator John Trujillo, and new MORPC Executive Assistant Hosana Tekie.

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

William Murdock reminded Commission members there is no Commission meeting in January 2021. The Commission will reconvene in February 2021.

Mr. Murdock introduced new MORPC Executive Assistant Hosana Tekie. She is the main point of contact for Mr. Murdock and Joe Garrity. Ms. Tekie is honored to be at MORPC and hopes to meet everyone soon. Public service is special to her and she is excited to support members in their work.

Mr. Murdock reminded members of the special technology focused event on December 14. It is the third of a three-part series on technology and how it impacts communities. Information was sent to members via email.

MORPC is still very focused on our Diversity & Inclusion Plan. We went the extra step this year to connect governments with resources, which are continually updated. We will be highlighting our work with committees and working groups on how they represent the region for the Commission in February. We have engaged with the Central Ohio YWCA and will share more in February.

MORPC continues to serve as a resource hub for local governments during the health crisis. Our Residential Services Staff is able to serve in the field safely. Office renovations are nearing completion. We are monitoring the health situation to determine when it is safe to be back in the office. The last COVID-19 call this year is December 16 and will feature a special briefing on the Regional Housing Strategy. The regular COVID-19 calls will continue through at least the first quarter of 2021.

MORPC has been able to move assertively forward on the building renovation during the pandemic. The renovation includes new meeting rooms for members and updated technology.
maximizing the space and making it more flexible and functional. The renovation should wrap-up sometime in January. We are hoping to take you on a virtual tour of the final product.

Many employees participated in crafting MORPC’s Reopening Strategy. It is a work in progress as the pandemic continues. MORPC is happy to share a copy if interested.

In the last year MORPC updated several strategic pillars toward our Strategic Framework. The pillars are our various strategic plans that build up a broader strategic framework. We want to work on a piece that will tie them all together. We are focusing on three key areas: broadband, housing, and more member resources for shared services. If interested, breakout sessions will begin during the first quarter of 2021. Your input is welcome. Thea Ewing is leading the effort.

Upcoming Events:
- Regional Collaboration Northwest – January 26, 9:30 a.m.
- Ohio Conference on Freight – May 21-22, virtual, Jobs Ohio lead sponsor

Proposed Resolution 23-20 – “Accepting the Village of Hebron as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
David Scheffler made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 23-20, second by Joe Antram; motion passed.

Chair Angelou welcomed the Village of Hebron as the 75th member of MORPC.

Proposed Resolution 24-20 – “Acceptance of the Fiscal Budget and Fund Account Appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2021” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director and Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Director of Operations
William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler presented the 2021 Budget. The 2021 budget is similar to the 2020 budget in overall amounts. We finished the year in a strong position and are confident for 2021 that we are stable as we continue to work through the pandemic. The focus is on immediate impact and long-term agency stability and success. The budget booklet was included in the meeting packet. The actual budget begins on page four of the budget booklet. Federal funding continues to be our largest revenue source. Salaries and benefits are the largest expense. Mr. Murdock and Mr. Hufstedler recognized Susan Tsen, Betsy Hunkar, and the Finance Team for their work in putting the budget together.

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 24-20, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

Committees

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization – Mark Forrest (Madison County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair
Chair Angelou shared that MORPC is glad to have Madison County engaged and leading as a rural community. MORPC’s Rural Transportation Planning team has been working with elected officials in Madison County on a Thoroughfare/Access Management Plan for the county. MORPC arranged a peer exchange with Madison and Franklin County Engineers' Offices. This
provided an opportunity for Madison County to improve access management in their county. MORPC is proud to deliver this return on Madison County’s investment in CORPO.

Mark Forrest reported Madison County has experienced more than 6,000 new jobs over the past three years. Most of those jobs are in warehousing, dependent on a good transportation system. Rural Transportation Plans have become very important in the rural areas.

CORPO met November 2 and heard updates regarding CORPO’s involvement and assistance with the regional coordination plan, the Union County US 33 plan, code initiatives with outlying counties, and MORPC’s Regional Housing Strategy. Progress reports were provided on the Knox/Morrow Freeway Access Study, the Madison County Thoroughfare, and the Centerburg Ohio Trail Design which CORPO will replicate for a Danville, Ohio project in Knox County.

CORPO and MORPC Staff met with ODOT and other RTPOs to review the newly developed RTPO Administration Manual. Staff provided feedback and asked for clarification when needed. CORPO has been assisting MORPC Staff with the development of the Regional Coordination Plan. This will involve CORPO members going forward. CORPO is assisting ODOT’s rural outreach efforts.

Mr. Forrest thanked Mike Borger, Maria Schaper and Nick Gill for their work on the Madison County Thoroughfare Plan.

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

Brad Ebersole presented the Regional Data Advisory Committee Update. Aaron Schill provided a 2020 Census update. The new Five-Year Estimates from the American Community Surveys were released today. Regarding the 2020 decennial census, there have been some concerns raised in the past few weeks from the Census Bureau regarding some anomalies that have the potential to impact several million persons. The Supreme Court also recently heard arguments in a case brought by the Trump administration that requested the removal of undocumented immigrants from the apportionment counts. If granted, that would remove undocumented residents from apportionment totals which are used to determine congressional representation and funding to the states. That is estimated to be between 10 and 11 million people. Both the case and the concerns raised by the Census Bureau could impact the timing of delivery of data which is due to Congress by December 31. Redistricting data is due to the state April 1. The Census Bureau has not published anything regarding release of the full decennial census data.

Mr. Ebersol reported the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) is updating the Regional Data Agenda. A short-term working group is being formed to consider and incorporate changes and updates to the agenda. Send suggested changes/updates to Aaron Schill.

Send suggestions for filling open spots on the RDAC to Aaron Schill.

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

Ben Collins presented the Regional Policy Roundtable Update. A few weeks ago, Governor DeWine signed HB 404 which extends remote meeting authority for public bodies until July 1, 2021. As we move forward into 2021, the Roundtable will continue to plan and collaborate with state and federal partners. Upcoming opportunities include state operating budget, transportation budget, infrastructure, broadband, and hopefully a COVID-19 package.
• Proposed Resolution 21-20: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2021-2022 Public Policy Agenda” – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster), Regional Policy Roundtable Vice-Chair and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs & Strategic Initiatives

David Scheffler and Joe Garrity presented the 2021-2022 Public Policy Agenda. Mayor Scheffler thanked members of the Public Policy Agenda Working Group for their efforts. He also thanked Joe Garrity for his hard work on the agenda. Mr. Garrity thanked Mayor Scheffler for his leadership.

The lead goals are opportunities for legislative and public policy leadership. Mr. Garrity provided highlights from the lead goals.

Lead Goal 1 – Regionalism:
- Encouraging policy and legislation allowing local governments to hold public meetings virtually.
- Support robust relief and intergovernmental collaboration to assist local governments who are facing unprecedented issues associated with the pandemic as well as the related recession.
- Opposing all legislation that withholds local government funds from any local government.

Lead Goal 2 – Transportation:
- Advancing the efforts of Vision Zero at the local, state, and federal levels.
- Supporting a robust infrastructure bill that addresses urgent obligations in our regions and future mobility needs.

Lead Goal 3 – Sustainability:
- Advancing locally sourced energy aggregation policies.
- Provide better connectivity and electric vehicle infrastructure in urban and rural communities.

Lead Goal 4 – Data & Digital Infrastructure:
- Supporting planning and development to ensure secure, reliable, and affordable broadband in every home, business, school, and service provider within the region.

Lead Goal 5 – Racial & Social Justice (new Lead Goal added this year):
- Advocate for policies that declare racism as a public health crisis.
- Support public health and safety systems that protect residents of all backgrounds.
- Support equitable development and affordable housing in our growing region.
- Improve access to job opportunities, broadband resources, affordable housing, health systems, and connected greenspace for marginalized communities.
- Support polices that work to eliminate racial and social disparities in our growing region.
- Encourage the development of universal design policies and walkable communities that support lifelong and inclusive age-friendly communities.
The Collaborative Goals focus on federal funds, economic development, and sustainable growth from an economic development perspective.

Bill LaFayette made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 21-20, second by Roby Schottke; motion passed.

- **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs & Strategic Initiatives
  Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity gave the legislative update highlighting the following:
  - David Scheffler’s Letter to the Lancaster Eagle Gazette Editor regarding HB 13
  - State Capital Budget
  - Continuing resolution through December 11
  - HB 6 – repeal
  - HB 698

  See the [December 2020 Monthly Legislative Update](#) for other legislative news.

**Smart Region Task Force** – Dana McDaniel (City of Dublin), Smart Region Task Force Chair
Dana McDaniel presented the Smart Region Task Force Update and recommended the Commission pass Resolution 22-20. The Task Force delivered three primary products: the Smart Streets Policy, the Smart Region Playbook, and the Smart Region Resource Guide which are available, along with additional thoughts or recommendations, on MORPC’s Smart Region webpage. Mr. McDaniel thanked Vice-Chair Joe Stefanov and all those who participated on the Task Force. Mr. McDaniel encouraged members to consider a smart streets policy for their communities.

- **Proposed Resolution 22-20**: “MORPC’s support of the work of the Smart Region Task Force, specifically the Smart Streets Policy, the Smart Region Playbook, and the Smart Region Resource Guide” – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director
  Ike Stage made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 22-20, second by Joe Stefanov; motion passed.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
Jim Schimmer presented the Sustainability Advisory Committee Report. Mr. Schimmer shared the 2021 Sustainability Advisory Committee roster. He thanked Mike Compton for serving as vice-chair and congratulated Ben Kessler for taking on the role beginning in 2021. New members serving a two-year term are:

- Leo Almeida, The Nature Conservancy
- Kristen Atha, AECOM and Chair of Sustaining Scioto Board
- Sophia Fifner, City of Columbus
- Chris Schmenk, Union County
- Megha Sinha, NBBJ
- Matt Stephens-Rich, Electrification Coalition and new chair of the Energy & Air Quality Working Group
- Carolyn Thurman, City of Westerville
Christie Ward, Village of Lockbourne

The Regional Sustainability Agenda is the guiding document for MORPC’s sustainability focused programming and committees. The agenda established five goals with measurable objectives for each, and targets for each objective. The Regional Sustainability Dashboard tracks measurable progress in the region. Chair Justin Milam, City of Upper Arlington, and Vice-Chair Alex Slaymaker, Columbus Partnership, are leading a subcommittee in updating the Regional Sustainability Agenda. MORPC is elevating equity as an important principle within the framework of the agenda. The subcommittee and staff are working with Dr. Jason Reece to review the existing framework, recommendations for equity considerations, etc.

Mr. Schimmer gave a sneak peek at the 2020 Air Quality Report. The Columbus region had an increase in the number of days with good levels of ozone pollution. We did have two days when the ozone pollution levels exceeded national standards. On these days, the air quality is unhealthy for sensitive people. We only had one high ozone day last year. The full report is expected early January 2021.

Transportation Policy Committee – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
Chair Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:59 p.m. The session adjourned at 3:05 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda
Rory McGuiness made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

Other Business
MORPC Membership Services Officer Eileen Leuby recognized the eight members that had perfect attendance this year: Karen Angelou, Franklin Christman, Michelle Crandall, Karl Craven, Pamela Hykes O’Grady, Tom Homan, Bill LaFayette, and Steve Stolte.

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary
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