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Monday, May 3, 2021
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

• 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions – LaGrieta Holloway, Chair

• 5:32 p.m. Approval of March 1, 2021, Meeting Minutes (enclosed)

• 5:33 p.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report (enclosed) – Thea Ewing, MORPC
  • Monthly Report – Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC
  • Monthly Report – Planning & Sustainability – Stephen Patchan, MORPC

• 6:00 p.m. Resolutions:
  • Resolution T-2-21 Adopting MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments – Thomas Graham, MORPC
  • Resolution T-3-21 Establishing priorities for central Ohio candidate projects submitted in 2021 for TRAC funding – Dina Lopez, MORPC
  • Resolution T-4-12 Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2022 Planning Work Program – Thea Ewing, MORPC
  • Resolution T-5-21 Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process – Thea Ewing, MORPC
6:30 p.m.  Informational Items
  • COVID Policy Briefs & COVID impacts on transportation – Aaron Schill, MORPC; Thea Ewing, MORPC
  • insight2050 Technical Assistance Program – Stephen Patchan, MORPC
  • Regional Sustainability Agenda Update – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC

6:55 p.m.  Other Business

7:00 p.m.  Adjourn

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The next CAC Meeting is June 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. (Virtual)
Members Present
Bill Curlis  Dave Paul  Erin Synk
Dana Dorsey  James Qualls  Tamika Vinson-Reid
Catherine Girves  Larry Robertson  Ira Weiss
Austin Hill  Bob Roehm
LaGrieta Holloway  Helen Rollins

MORPC Staff Present
Jon-Paul d’Aversa  Thomas Graham  Aaron Schill
Thea Ewing  Ralonda Hampton  Bevan Schneck
Mary Ann Frantz  Niel Jurist  Melissa Sharp
Ted Geer  Stephen Patchan  Melinda Vonstein
Nick Gill  Lexi Petrella

Guests:
Chris Webb

I. Welcome & Introductions
- Chair LaGrieta Holloway called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There was a quorum.
- [CAC Meeting Packet]

II. Approval of February 1, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- Chair Holloway asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Ira Weiss moved; David Paul seconded; and the motion carried.

III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Thea Ewing, MORPC
- The Transportation Review Advisory Council at the Ohio Department of Transportation is preparing for the major new capacity program round. These projects cost over $12 million, increase capacity, and/or reduce congestion and support jobs or create jobs in the State of Ohio. MPOs play a role in this process by prioritizing local projects that are submitted.

As the 2020 round was suspended, they are accelerating this round. If applicants did apply in 2020, they can now reapply, edit, renew or simply state they wish to have their same application reconsidered. Some of the projects that may come back are the Big Walnut Interchange on I-70; Far East freeway Phases Two and Three; I-270 and US 23 interchange on the southside; US 33 at Pickerington

NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED AS A VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORM
Road and Allen Road; and Far East I-70 freeway at Taylor Road and State Route 256.

Ms. Ewing reviewed the 2021 TRAC cycle timeline. More information can be found on the TRAC website.

Tool Resource Funding Grants

A question was proposed regarding the prioritization process. Ms. Ewing explained that all proposals are run through a scoring criterion then brought to the Committee explaining in what order MORPC staff believe the projects should be ranked and asking the Committee to weigh in on these decisions.

- Ms. Ewing also discussed the Attributable Funds process, with the proposed projects to be funded posted online. There are $77 million in new transportation projects, and they are currently out on public comment through the end of the month. As a reminder, MORPC controls the Attributable Funds (local decision) whereas the TRAC process is a state process with MORPC’s involvement.

Attributable Funding for Transportation

Monthly Report – Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC

- March 2 will be the first Regional Data Advisory Committee meeting for 2021, during which the updated regional data agenda will be presented to the committee for final review and approval. A couple of key goals include:
  - Focus on broadband and digital equity across the region – both to residential and public sector uses
  - Understanding implicit bias and data sets as well as developing new data partnerships with outside organizations
  - Facilitating a strategic session on March 8 to focus on broadband work for key partners.
- Census update:
  - By September 30, we expect to see the state redistricting data used to redistrict the legislative districts at the state level and some municipalities.
  - A key change is how the Census Bureau is looking at designating metropolitan statistical area and urbanized areas.
- A question was asked regarding studies done in Ohio of what inequities may exist regarding broadband. Mr. Schill indicated a report was commissioned by the Columbus Foundation and published around June 2020 that reviewed the state of broadband in Columbus and Franklin County, specifically. MORPC has looked at data more broadly for the Central Ohio region; however, the data is not strong.

Monthly Report – Planning & Sustainability – Stephen Patchan, MORPC

- Active Transportation Plan Development Process – staff has completed the focus group engagement portion of the public outreach and is developing a summary of those conversations that will be included in the outreach summary of the plan. The final stakeholder workshop is April 13. They will review the technical pieces and provide action items. The plan is expected to be completed during the
summer, adopted by MORPC Commission, and to have road shows for community members.

- MORPC is partnering with the Federal Highway Administration on a few workshops. The first one is a virtual bikeway guide and will focus on innovative and best practices for bikeway design guides. Senator Markey (Mass.) and Senator Cohen (Tenn.) reintroduced the Complete Streets Act, which requires states to set aside a portion of their Federal Highway funding to create a grant program that will fund complete streets projects. The bill has not been finalized, but eligible entities would need to adopt a complete streets policy, participate in technical assistance, and create a prioritized plan for complete streets projects in their jurisdictions to access funding. The MPOs would be responsible for certifying the complete streets policy and meet minimum requirements set by USDOT. MPOs would be required to adopt design standards for federal surface transportation projects that provide for safe and adequate accommodations of all users, including motorized and non-motorized users in all phases of project planning, development, and operation.

- Central Ohio Greenways Impact of Trails study update – an RFP was released last month, and it received five proposals, with two selected for interviewing. The project is planned to begin by the end of March and completed by the end of May.

- A question was asked on how this new study differs from a prior study that was done by MORPC. Mr. Patchan explained that the prior study was a survey and this new study is going to be a technical, data-driven approach. Staff added that the previous study focused on existing trails, whereas the new study focuses on new trail development.

**Monthly Report – Communications & Engagement – Ralonda Hampton, MORPC.**

- Ms. Hampton provided a regional diversity snapshot, which included race and ethnicity, the foreign-born population, and veterans. She further explained some of the diversity initiatives with workforce and leadership being the first key area of focus.

- MORPC further surveyed 14 MORPC committees with six questions pertaining to age, race, gender, veteran, and disability status. 172 responses were received. These results were provided in graph form.

- MORPC is also participating in the YWCA’s 21-Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge. The challenge runs from March 1 through March 29.

- A question was asked about the increasing the diversity of the Commission, particularly racial, gender, etc. Niel Jurist explained that MORPC continues to meet with Commission members as vacancies become available, and the executive director and membership officer are very much committed to this goal and will continue with it.

- **Presentation was included in Meeting Packet**

**IV. Resolutions:**

- T-1-21 Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham, MORPC
The amendment includes nine projects with commitments totaling over $168,000,000. Mr. Graham discussed the projects, which included:
  - COTA projects (5 projects)
  - Dublin – University Blvd. project
  - ODOT District 6 (2 projects)
  - Whitehall

Chair Holloway asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-1-21; Dave Paul moved; Ira Weiss seconded; and the motion carried.

A question was asked to explain what truck platooning was. Ms. Ewing explained that the first truck is the driver for other connected trucks behind it.

Another question was asked to describe the section of I-70 that is being proposed for the truck platooning. Mr. Graham indicated that this is primarily focused on the western portion of I-70 in the state of Ohio. Much of the project will be outside of the MORPC area, but a portion of it will be within.

A question was asked about the risks of a high injury accident occurring when there is a “truck platoon”. Mr. Graham explained that this technology is new and is largely an initiative to explore the capacity of this technology to develop a way that would be safe and able to be implemented.

The last question was regarding the East-West Transit Corridor. These funds are connected to both the planning the right-away and future construction. As a side note, there are also funds planned for State Fiscal Year 2025 ($90 million committed). These funds were previously programmed in the TIP as well; this is just clarifying the local funding commitment.

Memo, Resolution and Amendment Attachment were included in Meeting Packet

V. Informational Items
- COG Trail Prioritization Results – Melinda Vonstein, MORPC
  - The Central Ohio Greenways Board is a committee of public and private partners that focuses on trail development and getting more people on trails in Central Ohio.
  - Currently, there are about 230 miles of scenic, highly used trails. These trails are some of the most popular trails; for example, the Olentangy, the Alum Creek Trail, parts of the Ohio to Erie Trail, a statewide trail, and also part of a national trail called the Great American Rail Trail.
  - In 2018, the Board met with communities across Central Ohio and developed a regionally adopted vision to add over 500 miles of trails, which will fill in gaps in the existing trail network to focus on East/West connections.
  - In 2019, MORPC hired a consultant to interview key leaders across the region to obtain their perspectives on building these 500 miles of trails. Focusing on access to trails (120 miles of existing trails):
    - 14% of Franklin County’s population can walk to a trail from their home safely
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- 27% of Franklin County’s population can bike from their home within a mile
- Once these trails (176) are built, about 40% of the population would be able to reach a trail within a mile of their home by bike.
  - The next step was to focus on ranking and scoring 53 proposed trail segments. The criteria for ranking fell into four buckets – connectivity, health/environment, social equity, and economy.
  - Ms. Vonstein provided some additional information, including that the focus is to make the connections. COG is creating guidelines for what trails could look like – having a natural / comfortable feel.
  - The highest-ranking trail segments included: the Downtown Trail, the Linden Greenline, Hudson Urban Greenways, parts of the Big Walnut Creek Trail, SR 161 Trail, Camp Chase Trail, and Schrock Rd Trail.
  - Ms. Vonstein concluded her presentation by reviewing the Trail Vision as well as other regional efforts, such as the LinkUS Mobility Initiative.

- Competitive Advantage Projects – Ted Geer, MORPC
  - Competitive Advantage Projects includes a list of prioritized infrastructure projects across the region that are closely linked to economic and community development. Projects are advanced through technical assistance and advocacy. MORPC works in partnership with One Columbus.
  - The process is driven at the county level by working groups that determine the top local priority projects as well as “regionally significant” projects.
  - During Round 3, 47 projects were identified across 12 counties, totaling over $5 billion and ranging from $800,000 to over $2 billion.
  - Mr. Geer reviewed the various project types, which include highways and roads and water/sewer as the top two categories. Two “regionally significant” projects included Columbus Region Broadband Access and the LinkUS Mobility Initiative.
  - Next steps include:
    - Anticipate federal and state funding opportunities
    - Responsiveness to economic recovery
    - Foundation for agency economic development initiatives
  - More information can be found on the website:
    - Competitive Advantage Projects
  - One question was asked on how certain projects are fitting into the complete streets projects and how safety comes into play. Mr. Geer responded that many of these projects are dovetailing with the Attributable Funds, which has the complete streets components.
  - Presentation was included in Meeting Packet

- Regional Mobility Plan – Lexi Petrella, MORPC
  - The plan encompasses nine counties to improve regional coordination, increase service delivery, reduce duplication, and fill gaps in service; and focuses on individuals with disabilities, older adults, and individuals who fall into the low-income brackets.
Ms. Petrella reviewed the goals, requirements, timeline, and public involvement activities, which include virtual public meetings, online/paper surveys, virtual focus groups, marketing materials, and county breakout meetings. She also reviewed the expected mobility needs and possible solutions.

A question was asked regarding the number of people participating in the public involvement meetings. Ms. Petrella indicated that there were 35 participants on the first one, and it fluctuated after that, with fewer individuals in the evening time.

VI. Other Business
- None.

VII. Adjourn
- Chair Holloway asked for a motion to adjourn; Catherine Girves moved; Larry Robertson second; and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Bevan Schneck, Secretary
Community Advisory Committee
Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Thea Ewing, Director - twalsh@morpc.org

**Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

- **2021 MTP Report Card:** Staff from across the agency have been compiling data to report the 2021 condition for each of the adopted performance measures. The data will be summarized in an MTP Report Card document, which is expected to be published in May.
- **2024-2050 MTP:**
  - The Transportation & Infrastructure Development Team continued to coordinate with Data and Mapping to refine the data development timeline and data needs for the Population and Employment estimates and forecasts.
  - The Transportation & Infrastructure Development Team began coordinating with the Communications and Engagement team to develop a timeline for reviewing and updating the agency’s Public Involvement Plan this calendar year. The Public Involvement Plan is the guiding document for conducting public engagement activities relating to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

**Transit, Mobility & Human Services**

- **Transit**
  - Transit entities outside the Columbus UZA MORPC’s was invited to the quarterly Transit Coordination Meeting. Fairfield, Pickaway, and Union counties attended with COTA, DCT, LCT and LCATS. Current and future coordination projects were discussed

- **Mobility Management**
  - Gohio Mobility began user testing to match mobility services and providers. NOACA and MORPC will be developing written and video training materials to ODOT and Mobility Managers across the state.
  - The Regional Mobility Plan is progressing with the transportation user survey outreach. We are moving forward with printing marketing materials in various formats in English, Spanish, and Somali. Those materials will be distributed to social service, community, and mobility partners in each of the nine counties in
ODOT Human Service Transportation Coordination Region 6. We are also continuing our county meetings with our second round of mobility discussions that focus on goals and strategies.

➢ 5310 Designated Recipient

- Staff inspected four Section 5310 modified minivans delivered to Clintonville-Beechwold CRC, Hattie Larlham Center for Children with DD, and Netcare Access.

➢ Gohio

- MORPC staff welcomed a new vanpool group to the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program. These essential workers travel to the Chalmers. P. Wylie Medical Center from Marysville, Ohio. Several vanpools have been able to continue commuting safely during this pandemic by following safety protocols while in the van.

- The Gohio Commute team is partnering with Columbus Public Health to develop Mobility Maps for Linden and Franklinton in Columbus. The Mobility Maps will highlight community resources with a key and show COTA bus stops, COTA lines, CoGo Stations, and comfortable biking and walking routes. The Mobility Maps are intended to support sustainable mobility at the neighborhood level with a focus on accessibility.

- MORPC Air Quality and Gohio Commute departments have teamed up to promote Air Quality Month in May. In May a digital campaign called “Know Your Air” will run. The goal will be to increase the registrations for air quality alerts. Then in June, we will follow up with an email campaign to education on additional Gohio Commute offering to improve air quality.

Transportation Planning Activities

➢ US 23 Connect Study

- The project team developed a public involvement plan, including committee and stakeholder lists and contact information and general meeting times and formats.

- Steering Committee members were contacted and invited to the committee’s first meeting, which will be on May 20.

- The consultant team shared the conceptual story-board for an informational video.

- MORPC delivered initial traffic volume forecasts and reviewed them with the project team.

➢ Linkus

- Northwest Corridor: The project team is expecting final documentation from the consultant team within the coming weeks.

- East-West Corridor: The consultant team presented summary results of the alternatives analysis to the project team and technical and stakeholder groups. The consultant team will also be providing a decision-making tool to assist the project team with understanding the trade-offs as we move forward in the analysis process. Public surveys and neighborhood and stakeholder engagement activities continue.
Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

- CORPO Update
  - CORPO staff is developing a thoroughfare plan for Madison County. With the assistance of the Madison County Engineer, staff is currently working on the design elements of the plan and hopes to have a draft of the plan out for review by the Summer.
  
  - CORPO staff, with the assistance of stakeholders in Knox County have begun developing the Knox-Morrow Freeway Access Study. The study will examine freeway access for an area of study within both counties. Currently staff is collecting data and developing a working group that will meet in April. Date TBD.
  
  - CORPO staff responded to numerous requests for data regarding safety, active transportation, counts and other data-related requests as needed.
  
  - Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Morrow, and Union counties held CORPO subcommittee meetings during the last two weeks in March. The subcommittees discussed the CORPO Transportation Plan update, TIP implementation, active transportation, transit & mobility and regional plans and special projects.
  
  - The next CORPO Committee Meeting is May 3rd.
  
  - CORPO staff continues to participate as members of the Technical Advisory Committee for the US-33 Corridor Plan (Union County) that ODOT is developing with a consultant. ODOT was accepting comments on the draft plan until March 26th and is now working on production of the final.

Infrastructure Funding

- MORPC Attributable Funding
  - Staff completed the public comment period for draft attributable funding recommendations in March. No comments were received, and the draft recommendations are being presented to CAC, TAC, and the Transportation Policy Committee in May for final approval.

- Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
  - The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for OPWC District 3 reviewed several revisions to the policies and criteria for FY23 funding. Proposed revisions will be presented to the PWIC on May 14 for approval.

- Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
  - The NRAC on April 21 approved $5.4 million for six Clean Ohio Conservation applications. The projects are:

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* Reynoldsburg requested $516,075, but only partial funding is available. If the award is declined, funds will be offered to the next-ranked project.

- The NRAC will meet on May 10 to review and potentially approve the policies and criteria for Round 16. If additional time is needed to modify them, the NRAC may meet on June 10.

**TRAC**
- The info sheets for the 9 projects submitted in the MPO area was posted on the MORPC website ([https://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/funding-grants](https://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/funding-grants)). Public comments were solicited through April 28th. Staff worked throughout April to evaluate the projects relative to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) goals. The results and staff priorities recommendations will be present and adopted during the May meeting cycle.

**Federal Competitive Programs**
- The U.S. Department of Transportation has opened the window to apply for 2021 discretionary grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. MORPC will provide regional application coordination and technical assistance.

**Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)**
- The 2020/2021 update to the CAP program is complete. Program activities now include ongoing technical assistance for CAP projects, and identification of strategic funding sources. More information and the complete list of the projects are at [www.morpc.org/cap](http://www.morpc.org/cap).
Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The RDAC met on April 6 to approve new priority projects based on the updated 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda, which was adopted by the Commission on April 8. The RDAC will meet again on June 1 to discuss and create new Working Groups, among other matters.

Working Groups
- Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit Working Group members continue their work on the Survey. The Group plans to distribute a beta version of the Survey to RDAC Members in the near future, and then a final version to all members as soon as possible. Results of the Survey should be available in the first half of 2021.
- The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group continues their work via the Fiber Network Subgroup. The Working Group’s next step is to develop a Memorandum of Understanding / Letter of Intent. The Working Group will meet again in the near future.

User Groups
- The Central Ohio GIS User Group will meeting again on May 19.
- The Regional Information & Data Group will meet again May 5.

Transportation
- GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger continues her collaboration with ODOT to help them consume LBRS data.
- GIS Staff continue in their work to support Transportation staff by supplying requested maps – the Transportation Improvement Districts, and many others.
- GIS Staff assisted Transportation staff with ongoing MTP work by uploading all MTP projects into ArcGIS Online.

Data & Mapping Outreach and Collaboration

Broadband Access
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill, ESCCO staff, and PCs for People staff continue to meet with prospective funders, wireless vendors, school superintendents and other interested parties to further the success of the Central Oho Broadband Access Pilot Program.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill is working with the City of Columbus, Franklin County, and the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority on a proposal to expand the use of the CARES Act funding allocated for digital equity needs.

Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill is serving as Co-Chair of the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition Steering Committee, and as Chair of their Device Access Working Group. The Working Group is meeting regularly to create the framework of the project.

COVID-19 Research Briefs
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill and Data Manager Liz Whelan are continuing their work with the vendor (New Reach Community Consulting) and 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 expected launch date for the Policy Briefs is May 4.

Planning & Sustainability

- Data & Mapping Staff are collaborating with Planning & Sustainability Staff to produce and analyze the Active Transportation Plan, Trail Counts, and the Technical Assistance Plans.
- Data & Mapping Staff are also supporting Planning & Sustainability Staff with Alternative Fuel Corridor, Solar Data, Complete Streets mapping, and implementation of the Trails Impact Study.

Other Outreach & Collaboration

- Data & Mapping Staff are working with partners, other agencies, and ESRI to gather data for use with the new ESRI ArcGIS Urban program being rolled out.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill is serving on the Convergence Columbus initiative. Convergence Columbus is a multi-year, cross-sector initiative to promote minority homeownership opportunities through a series of place-based pilot programs. The group will be made up of representatives of government, non-profit, and housing industry stakeholders. Aaron is also a part of the Convergence Columbus Research & Analysis Working Group.
- Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill presented at the April 20 broadband funding webinar “American Rescue Plan: Broadband Opportunities.”
- GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger is working with the city of Columbus and other partners on the Central Data & Technology Council.
- GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger is serving on the local Urban Area Working Group of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. The Working Group will analyze the recent 2020 Census outcomes and their effect on urbanized areas.
- Members of the GIS Team have provided specially requested zoning maps for prairie and Washington townships.

The Data & Mapping Team are very happy to welcome MORPC’s new Data Analyst Ethan Hug.

Planning & Sustainability
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Active Transportation Planning

- Active Transportation Plan (ATP): On April 13 MORPC hosted the second Stakeholder Workshop that highlighted the bicycle level of traffic stress (LTS) methodology and the ATP Action Plan, which will provide strategies for increasing the region’s network of safe and comfortable infrastructure for those who walk and/or bike. Stakeholders provided comments and feedback for staff to incorporate into an updated draft. The ATP Steering Committee will continue to build out the Action Plan at its May 18 meeting.
- Complete Streets: On April 29, Team members hosted the fourth Steering Committee meeting which included the Committee's review and comments on the draft updates to the Policy’s Requirements section. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24.
- Active Transportation Committee (ATC): The Q2 ATC meeting was replaced by the April 13 ATP Stakeholder Workshop. The next ATC meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13.
• **Data Collection Program:** Team members are coordinating with regional partners through the Central Ohio Greenways Trail Development Working Group to establish a regional strategy for a more advanced and streamlined trail user data collection program. The new program will update regional data collection equipment and establish a centralized database for all data collected in the region. For more information or to get involved, please reach out to Lauren Cardoni at lcardoni@morpc.org.

• **Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts:** Volunteer Manual Bike and Ped Counts will commence this spring on Sunday, May 2. Volunteers have the option of selecting which day(s) they would like to conduct counts. Those wishing to participate can view the count location map and sign up here. Contact Lauren Cardoni with any questions at lcardoni@morpc.org.

• **Outreach:** MORPC continues to host virtual watch parties for the monthly Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) webinars. The May webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 at 3:00 pm on the topic, "Non-Urban Networks: Active Transportation in Rural America." Contact Lauren Cardoni at lcardoni@morpc.org to join the watch party.

• **Active Transportation Technical Assistance:** Team members have participated in review meetings for the OSU Planning Studio on CoGo System Expansion. The Studio is working on an expansion plan to provide CoGo access to Dublin and Hilliard and to expand the reach of the system through Upper Arlington and Northwest Columbus. Team Members have provided information to help the students develop their recommendations and a funding strategy for their final plan.

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Technical Assistance Program (TAP): Team members continue to work on developing the final report for Hilliard’s Cemetery Road project. Team members consulted Franklin County Engineer’s office and COTA for feedback on proposed transportation improvements for Jefferson Township’s Blacklick Station project. Team members surveyed interdepartmental City of Columbus staff for input on the Speed Management Framework tool’s weighting strategy. Team members have also begun developing materials for an internal stakeholder workshop for the City of Westerville to review and discuss the goals and priorities identified in the Cleveland Avenue Recommendations Inventory. Finally, team members continue to develop an interactive spreadsheet to guide decision-making for the Franklin County Engineer’s Office Complete Streets Implementation Toolkit.

**Regional Housing Strategy (RHS)**

MORPC continues to host a monthly panel discussion on topics related to the RHS. In April, speakers from across the Midwest gather virtually for a discussion on how cities are responding to housing challenges with updates to their zoning codes. The May 20 housing panel will feature MORPC members and partners discussing financial resources to support Central Ohio residents and financial incentives to support housing development.

Planning & Sustainability staff also participated in an April panel discussion hosted by the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio which discussed addressing housing infrastructure as part of a COVID-19 recovery plan.

**Transportation Safety**

Committee Meetings:

**State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Steering Committee:** Statewide safety updates included a 6% increase in traffic fatalities in 2020 compared to 2019. All 2020 crash report data is now available in GCAT. In Q1 of 2021, the state was up 20% for traffic fatalities. January and March of 2021 set record highs for traffic fatalities in the state. A recent survey of Ohio drivers showed that 78% of drivers would support implementation of a “Hands-Free” law to prevent distracted driving. (For any
communities considering a local ordinance, sample language can be found on MORPC’s website at www.morpc.org/safety.

**ODOT Speed Management Committee:** Team Members have been participating in a recently formed ODOT committee on speed management. The committee is updating ODOT’s policy and process for revising speed limits to consider additional factors such as vulnerable roadway users, urban contexts, and 50th percentile speeds. The committee is also developing educational materials to assist locals in understanding the Ohio Revised Code as it relates to speed limits, as well as the updates to the ODOT process, and other helpful information about speed limit setting.

**Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review:** Per the April meeting, seven (7) fatal crashes were reviewed that occurred in September 2020. All of the crashes involved impairment as a factor in the crash. Additionally, statistics were provided on the current status of fatal crashes within the City of Columbus year-to-date for 2021: 24 traffic fatalities occurred just in Q1 of 2021, compared to only 12 in Q1 of 2020.

**Sustainable2050**

**Member Engagement:** A reminder to members that the Sustainable2050 webpage on MORPC’s website is now a resource hub for information, tools, and programming to support your community’s sustainability initiatives.

In April, team members discussed Sustainable2050, the Regional Sustainability Agenda, and sustainability planning with graduate students in Ohio State’s City & Regional Planning program.

**Greenways & Water Resources Program**

The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board met on March 17 and welcomed new board member Ariunaa Bayanjargal. The Board heard updates from ULI partner Alicia Gaston on the Rapid 5 initiative. The initiative is a visioning effort to reimagine how the river corridors integrate into neighborhoods and other regional destinations. The visioning process will be conducted by 5 local landscape architecture firms and will kick off in the spring. The board also received updates from the 4 working groups.

- **Trail Development Working Group:** The group is exploring new trail count equipment. Representatives from Eco Counter joined the April 15th working group to share details of their technology. The working group will advise MORPC staff on the development of a trail count program recommendation that will include upgrading equipment.
- **Marketing & Communications Working Group:** This group will be working to develop a trail loop/event toolkit as well as a scope for a trail town program.
- **Operations & Access Working Group:** The group is focused on developing winter maintenance guidelines and scheduling a regional discussion on the topic.
- **Partnership Working Group:** The working group is working with Econsult Solutions Inc to complete an Impact of Trails Study.

**Sustaining Scioto Board:**

The Board met in February with a featured presentation from Danny Johnson of the Atlanta Regional Council. The Board also discussed opportunities for supporting creation of updated precipitation frequency data for water infrastructure planning in the face of changing precipitation trends under climate change.

MORPC is partnering with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District to host a forum on May 11th to educate and consider multiple solutions to obtaining updated precipitation data to support flood and water infrastructure planning. Presenting organizations include the City of Columbus Division of Sewers and Drains, NOAA Water Prediction Office, State Climate Office of Ohio, and Illinois State Climatologist. Registration is online. Contact Brooke White for more information.
Agriculture and Rural Communities Outreach Team: During its March meeting the team discussed next steps in achieving its social science survey objective. In previous meetings they decided on interviewing key individuals with advanced knowledge and active involvement in the Scioto watershed to gather data and relevant information to inform development of outreach programs, communications strategies, and building partnerships. Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors and Elected Officials of counties within the Scioto Watershed will be the key informants. Additionally, with the help of Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District, the Team has drafted a brief interview guide to help with this process. Steps to finalize the interview questions as well as the counties to include in the study are now ongoing.

**Energy & Air Quality**

Energy & Air Quality Working Group
The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met on March 23rd with a featured presentation from Cynthia Maves of Lordstown Motors Corporation.

- **Air Quality Network Sensor Subcommittee**: The subcommittee continues to work with Ohio EPA to collocate low-cost PurpleAir monitors with an existing particulate matter monitor. Both MORPC and Franklin County Public Health project partners are performing public outreach for the project with presentations to Community Health Action Teams and City of Columbus neighborhood area commissions. This outreach increases awareness of the project and solicits opportunities for monitor siting from individuals, businesses, and organizations.

- **Diversity & Environmental Justice Subcommittee**: The Subcommittee is currently developing a more inclusive roster in order to ensure more perspectives are represented in the subcommittee and within the Working Group’s efforts.

- **Solar Subcommittee**: The application for a Silver SolSmart Regional Organization designation has been submitted and is in review. One of the OSU student projects focused on building local government resources is nearing completion. The Subcommittee is seeking input from the Working Group for future activities.

Local Government Energy Partnership: The LGEP is reorganizing resources in order to streamline delivery of services for 2021 and beyond after a very successful start to the year focused on solar development and market readiness for the region.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee**
Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC): The Sustainability Advisory Committee met on April 21, where they unanimously voted to approve the proposed Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) and recommended moving the document forward to the Commission for adoption. The next steps for the RSA include design and formatting for online use, gathering and evaluating data for tracking and setting targets, and updating the workbook for Sustainable2050 members seeking tier status certification under the new RSA. The next meeting is on June 16.

- **Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee**: The subcommittee held their final meeting on April 15th where they provided final input on the Regional Sustainability Agenda and discussed final recommendations for metrics and data sources. The subcommittee voted to approve the agenda and move it forward to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for consideration.

- **Outreach**: The MORPC Team has been in communication with partners about sustainability initiatives and encouraging information sharing and coordination. The team will take part in a meet and greet with the Ohio Environmental Council to share updates on our programming and to identify areas of potential collaboration. We will also be meeting with City of Columbus staff to learn more about their Climate Action Plan and the next steps.

The Planning & Sustainability Team are losing two important Team Members – Tobi Otuolana and Jon-Paul d’Aversa. Tobi and Jon-Paul, we wish you well!

**Communications & Engagement**

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Changes were made to the website as supplementary information for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA grant application.

A press release, social media, and e-newsletter were used over the month to solicit public comments for MORPC’s prioritization of TRAC projects within the metropolitan planning organization boundary. The same continues to be done for input on the Regional Mobility Plan, LinkUS, RAPID5, and other initiatives.

Planning remains underway for the Ohio Conference on Freight being hosted by MORPC, the Ohio Association of Regional Councils, and others. It will take place May 20-21. Registration is open and beginning to be publicized.

News Releases

- MORPC Seeks Public Input on TRAC Projects

MORPC In The News

- Amtrak return to Columbus?
- Council calls for passenger rail between Columbus and Chicago, Pittsburgh and Ohio cities
- Amtrak expansion would include passenger rail service in Columbus again
- Project Update: Smart Columbus in 2021 And Beyond
- Specialists checking air quality after explosion in northeast Columbus
- City creating plan to slow speeders on Mount Vernon Avenue as development brings residents
- City could see self-driving shuttles
- MORPC seeks input for TRAC/ODOT projects
- For the first time, the Columbus metro area passed its annual air quality test
- Planners See “Window of Opportunity” for Amtrak in Ohio
- Rapid 5 Waterways Project Moving Forward Quickly in 2021
- Here's what's next for the Smart Columbus initiative as city, Columbus Partnership plot its future

Digital Content

Social media and website content for the month included:

Regional Sustainability Agenda Input, ODOT Safety, LinkUS Mobility Initiative, MORPC-Attributable Funds, Central Ohio Greenways, Amtrak Passenger Rail, Diversity Month, 30 Days of Biking Pledge, National Walk to Work Day, TRAC Comments, Distracted Driving Awareness Month, National Walking Day, Section 5310 Program, Gohio Commute, U Drive U Text U Pay Campaign, Mid-Ohio Open Data Website, Air Quality Monitoring, Ohio Conference on Freight, Regional Mobility Plan, Celebrate Trails Day, RAPID5, MORPC Regional Data Agenda, and Bike and Pedestrian Counts.
Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
    Officers and Board Members
    Transportation Policy Committee
    Transportation Advisory Committee
    Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
      Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: April 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-2-21: “Adopting MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments”

Proposed Resolution T-2-21 completes the biennial process of soliciting, reviewing and recommending requests for MORPC-attributable transportation funding. Attachment 1 to the proposed resolution is a summary of all the recommended commitments of MORPC-attributable funding for SFY 2022 and beyond.

Each year MORPC receives an allocation of approximately $35 million of federal transportation funds for use in Central Ohio. MORPC-attributable funds come from three federal programs, which originated with ISTEA and continued under TEA-21 - SAFETEA-LU, MAP-21 and now the FAST Act. These programs are:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), formerly the Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) – part of large MPO CMAQ program
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

MORPC adopted its updated polices for allocating and managing MORPC-attributable funds by the passage of Resolution T-4-20. MORPC staff solicited and received applications for these funds during the spring of 2020. Over the past several months, the Attributable Funds Committee and staff members have been evaluating the applications to make funding recommendations.

With regard to CMAQ funding, staff will work within the large MPO CMAQ program process to secure the CMAQ funding. MORPC works with the other seven large MPOs to select projects for the large MPO CMAQ program. The commitments in this resolution reflect the results of the MORPC process.
The funding recommendations were made available for public review and comment from February 26, 2021, to March 28, 2021. MORPC did not receive any comments on the proposed funding recommendations and the funding recommendations were not adjusted.

Several projects in the portfolio of MORPC-Attributable Funding projects are anticipated to be ready for construction ahead of the fiscal year in which funding will be available. Accordingly, the resolution directs staff to work to identify solutions to make funding available earlier when projects are ready. This could include working with the sponsor on a financing mechanism and/or pursuing a loan from another metropolitan planning organization in the state.

In summary, as shown in the table below, Resolution T-2-21 commits approximately $212 million in MORPC-attributable federal funding for SFY 2022 and beyond. This is for 39 projects or activities throughout the MORPC transportation planning area, 27 of which are continuations of previous commitments and 12 of which are new commitments.

### Summary of Funding Recommendations

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Attachments:
- Proposed Resolution T-2-21
RESOLUTION T-2-21

“Adopting MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is responsible for allocating certain federal transportation funds that are attributed to it; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee adopted Resolution T-10-97, "Principles for Allocation of MORPC-Attributable Federal Funding," in order to fairly allocate these funds in conformance with federal and state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, it most recently adopted revised management tools in the Policies by Resolution T-4-20, “Adopting ‘Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds’”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with these principles, in May 2020 project applications were solicited to use MORPC-attributable funding, and the applications received were reviewed by MORPC staff and the Attributable Funds Committee; and

WHEREAS, a draft list of MORPC-attributable funding recommendations was released for public review and comment on February 26, 2021, with the public comment period ending on March 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, no comments were received on the draft list of MORPC-attributable funding recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the projects, as shown in Attachment 1, are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, with regard to CMAQ funding, MORPC will work within the large MPO CMAQ process to secure CMAQ funding for CMAQ-eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, to maintain fiscal balance, funds for construction of some projects are committed for a later State Fiscal Year (SFY) than when the project sponsor is currently expecting the project to be ready for construction; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 3, 2021 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 5, 2021, recommended approval of these funding commitments to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it commits to allocating its attributable federal funding to the projects in the attached program of projects at the amounts and schedules shown in Attachment 1 pending continued availability of MORPC-attributable federal funding at the levels needed for the program.
Section 2. That staff prepare an amendment to the State Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) consistent with the attached program of projects using MORPC-attributable funds through SFY 2024.

Section 3. That it directs staff to prepare partnering or other appropriate agreements with project sponsors outlining the MORPC-attributable funding commitment.

Section 4. That it directs staff to continue to actively participate in the large MPO CMAQ process to ensure the projects eligible for CMAQ shown in Attachment 1 receive CMAQ funds through the large MPO CMAQ process.

Section 5. That it directs staff and project sponsors to attempt to provide construction funds when the project is ready through the management of the program and various financing mechanisms.

Section 6. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all local agencies listed as sponsoring agencies in the attachments for appropriate action including ODOT reflecting the updated costs and schedules in Ellis.

Section 7. That it emphasizes the importance of the project sponsors maintaining the project schedule and remaining within the current cost estimates, as there is no guarantee that additional MORPC-attributable funding or statewide CMAQ funding will be available should costs increase or the project be delayed.

Section 8. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

_________________________________________
Karen J. Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment:
1. Summary of Projects using MORPC-Attributable Funding for SFY 2022 and beyond
2. Map of Existing Commitments Proposed for Continued Funding
3. Map of Proposed Funding for New Project Requests
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*To maintain fiscal balance, funds for construction of these projects are committed for a later State Fiscal Year (SFY) than when the project sponsor is currently expecting the project to be ready for construction. MORPC and project sponsors will attempt to provide construction funds when the project is ready through the management of the program and various financing mechanisms.

**Future funding commitments for these projects are to repay debt incurred when the project went to construction.
MORPC-Attributable Funding
Existing Commitments
Proposed for Continued Funding

Includes projects with a defined
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Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Planning Area
Major Widening
New Road
Interchange
Minor Widening/Safety Improvement
Intersection Modification
Maintenance/Resurfacing
Bridge Repair/Replacement
Bikeway/Sidewalk/Transit
Streetscape/Study/Other
MORPC-Attributable Funding Proposal Funding
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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
   Officers and Board Members
   Transportation Policy Committee
   Transportation Advisory Committee
   Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea Ewing, AICP
       Transportation Infrastructure & Development

DATE: April 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution T-3-21: “Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio
          Candidate Projects Submitted in 2021 for TRAC Funding”

As reported to you previously, nine projects were submitted to the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) for the 2021 funding cycle. TRAC is responsible for committing development and construction funding toward projects that meet the criteria of the Major New Capacity Program (generally projects that cost over $12 million and increase roadway capacity and/or reduce congestion). Information sheets (attached) were prepared and posted to our website over the summer with details on the projects.

Resolution T-3-21 establishes MORPC’s priorities for the 2021 TRAC funding requests that fall within MORPC’s Metropolitan Organization Planning (MPO) area. MORPC accepted comments on the projects from the public, and staff completed a technical evaluation of the projects. This memo provides a summary of how the projects were evaluated and concludes with a recommendation on project prioritization. The priorities will be presented to TRAC at their May 18 and May 26 public hearings, and upon adoption of Resolution T-3-21, submitted in writing by June 1.
Project Evaluation Summary

MORPC staff evaluated the seven TRAC projects requesting funding based on the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) goals and objectives. Key elements of the MTP evaluation criteria were used for the evaluation.

For the projects being ranked, the analysis results by goal are:

**Adopted Goal: Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.** The criteria for this goal focuses on congestion relief and the total number of jobs as well as non-retail jobs within one mile of the facility in the present and projected in 2050. The Hard Shoulder Running (HSR) I-71 project topped this goal due to congestion relief and jobs in the project area. The US-23 Corridor study followed with high jobs in the area, then came the Far East Freeway projects, I-70/Taylor Rd/SR-256 interchange and phases 2 & 3. Both with a high number of future jobs.

**Adopted Goal: Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.** The criteria for this goal considered reductions in emissions (VOC and NOx). While all projects showed a relatively negligible difference in emissions reduction, the Far East I-70/Taylor Rd/SR-256 project scored slightly better than the other eight projects.

**Adopted Goal: Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.** The criteria for this goal considered reduction in regional vehicle-miles traveled. The I-71/Big Walnut new interchange ranked highest under this goal followed by the Far East I-70/Taylor Rd/SR-256 project and then grouped together the Fare Eat freeway phases 2 & 3, I-270 interchange at US 23 south and US 23 Corridor study.

**Adopted Goal: Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.** The criteria for this goal included the number of communities being served by the project, consideration for collaboration with regards to funding the project, new development in the area and whether any phase of the project was already constructed or under construction. The Alum Creek Dr. widening and the Far East Freeway Phase 2 & 3 projects scored better than the rest because of the number of jurisdictions served and other phases of development underway. Next came the US-23 Corridor study and HSR on I-71.

**Adopted Goal: Use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of people.** The criteria for this goal considered the safety/crash ranking analysis, pavement and bridge condition, and Environmental Justice (EJ) populations served. The HSR I-71 study ranked highest, followed by the I-270/US-23 interchange, the Alum Creek Drive widening and US 23 Corridor study.
**Adopted Goal: Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents’ quality of life.** The criteria for this goal considered which projects serve users going to or coming from higher density areas and multimodal elements of the project, such as facilities for transit, bicyclists and pedestrians. The HSR I-71 study tops in this goal. Next were the Alum Creek Drive widening and the Far East Freeway Phases 2 & 3.

**Comments Received from the Public**

On April 2, MORPC issued a press release requesting comments from the public on this year’s TRAC applications. Comments were due by April 28. The table below summarizes the number of comments received.

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The majority of the comments received were in opposition to the Big Walnut and I-71 new interchange. Residents sited concerns with air, noise, and light pollution as well as proximity of the proposed interchange to existing residential neighborhoods and schools. Those in support of the project urged the applicant to extend the noise walls to better protect neighborhoods in proximity of the proposed interchange.

**MORPC Staff Ranking Recommendation**

Based on the goal-by-goal evaluation summarized above, the public comments and the phase for which money is being requested, MORPC staff recommends the following priority ranking for the nine TRAC applications requesting funding:

Priority 1: Far East Freeway Phases 2 & 3
Priority 2: I-71 Hard Shoulder Running
Priority 3: US-23 Corridor Study
Priority 4: I-70 Interchange at SR 256 & Taylor Rd
Priority 5: Alum Creek Drive Widening
Priority 6: I-270 & US 23 south interchange  
Priority 7: US-33 at Pickerington Road  
Priority 8: Broad Street Widening in Pataskala  
Priority 9: Big Walnut Interchange  

Resolution T-3-21 recommends these rankings.  

TW:NG:DL  
Attachment: Resolution T-3-21
RESOLUTION T-3-21

“ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR CENTRAL OHIO CANDIDATE PROJECTS SUBMITTED IN 2021 FOR TRAC FUNDING”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Columbus metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) selects major new projects to receive funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT’s) major new capacity program; and

WHEREAS, the TRAC has requested that each MPO submit its priorities for projects in that MPO’s planning area; and

WHEREAS, seven projects requesting funding and one project requesting continued TRAC recognition had been submitted to MORPC for acknowledgement prior to their submittal to the TRAC (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, MORPC members and the public were asked to submit comments on the projects; and

WHEREAS, staff provided the Community Advisory, Transportation Advisory and Transportation Policy committees information regarding the applications, including public comments received for staff recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at its meeting on May 3, 2021 and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at its meeting on May 5, 2021 each created and forwarded a ranked list to advise the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the attached listing of projects (Attachment A) be established as the order of priorities for the candidate projects submitted to TRAC from the MORPC transportation planning area for major new capacity program funding.

Section 2. That the TRAC is strongly discouraged from funding lower priority projects on this list at the expense of higher priority projects.

Section 3. That it directs MORPC staff to forward these priorities to the TRAC and to present the priorities to the TRAC.
Section 4. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Dina López

Attachments:
A. Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2021 for TRAC Funding
## Priorities for the 2021 TRAC Major/New Program Candidate Projects

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PROJECT OVERVIEW:
These phases of the Far East Freeway project will address safety and congestion issues in the I-70 corridor at the Brice Road interchange area. Phase 2 includes the reconfiguration of the north half of the Brice Road interchange and construction of westbound ramps to the I-270 interchange, as well as the replacement of the Brice Road bridge. Phase 3 constructs the south half of the Brice Road interchange.

2021 TRAC REQUEST:
ODOT District 6 is requesting $38.4 million ($1.1 million for right-of-way acquisition and $37.3 million for construction).
PROJECT OVERVIEW:
This project responds to increasing congestion and safety issues along I-71 north of downtown from approximately I-670 to northern I-270. Results from a preliminary study currently underway recommend a combination of hard shoulder running and auxiliary lanes. ODOT District 6 will be performing preservation work in Fiscal Year 2025 along this highway segment, and it is seeking to leverage that investment with TRAC funds to implement these improvements.

2021 TRAC REQUEST:
ODOT District 6 is requesting $6 million: $3 million for preliminary engineering; $3 million for detailed design.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
- PLANNING STUDIES: 4/1/2019 (Complete)
- INTERCHANGE STUDIES: 12/31/2021 (In Progress)
- PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING: 12/31/2021 (In Progress)
- ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS: 10/15/2022 (Not Started)
- DETAILED DESIGN: 12/1/2023 (Not Started)
- RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION: 12/1/2023 (Not Started)
- UTILITY RELOCATION: 5/1/2024 (Not Started)
PROJECT OVERVIEW:
This study will identify the most feasible way of improving the link between the cities of Toledo and Columbus. The study will focus on physical improvements between Waldo – the end of existing freeway – and northern I-270. The primary concepts under study include a west bypass of Delaware connecting to US-33, an upgrade of the existing alignment on US-23, and an eastern bypass connecting to I-71.

2021 TRAC REQUEST:
ODOT Districts 2 and 6 are requesting $2 million for preliminary engineering.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

PLANNING STUDIES
5/16/2022 (In Progress)

INTERCHANGE STUDIES
Not Started (TBD)

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
Not Started (TBD)

ENVIRONMENTAL/NEPA APPROVAL
Not Started (TBD)

DETAILED DESIGN
Not Started (TBD)

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION
Not Started (TBD)

UTILITY RELOCATION
Not Started (TBD)
**PROJECT OVERVIEW:**
This interchange improvement project is a phase of the I-70 Far East Freeway improvements. Located in Fairfield and Licking counties, this project involves I-70 interchange improvements at SR-256 and Taylor Road.

**2021 TRAC REQUEST:**
ODOT District 5 is requesting to remain in Tier III status, and requests $5 million for preliminary engineering in fiscal year 2022.

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ALUM CREEK DRIVE WIDENING (RIKENBACKER AREA)

PROJECT OVERVIEW:
This project will widen Alum Creek Drive to include a third through-lane in each direction and replace bridges over Big Walnut Creek. It includes a sidewalk on one side and a shared use path on the other. The Franklin County Engineer’s Office is requesting $4.93 million, with $1.73 million for preliminary engineering in fiscal year 2023 and $3.2 million for detailed design work in fiscal year 2025.

2021 TRAC REQUEST:
The Franklin County Engineers Office is requesting Tier II Status and $4.93 million ($1.73 million for preliminary engineering, $3.2 million for detailed design).

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
PLANNING STUDIES
12/31/2021 (In Progress)

INTERCHANGE STUDIES
Not Started (TBD)

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
Not Started (TBD)

ENVIRONMENTAL/NEPA APPROVAL
Not Started (TBD)

DETAILED DESIGN
Not Started (TBD)

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION
Not Started (TBD)

UTILITY RELOCATION
Not Started (TBD)
PROJECT OVERVIEW:
This project will improve the safety, capacity, and operation of US-23 at the I-270 interchange and Rathmell Road. Improvements include removing two cloverleaf ramps, constructing two new signalized ramps, rehabilitating two bridges, and other improvements at Rathmell Road.

2020 TRAC REQUEST:
ODOT District 6 is requesting $14 million for construction activities in fiscal year 2023.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
- PLANNING STUDIES: 5/3/2010 (Complete)
- INTERCHANGE STUDIES: 7/31/2013 (Complete)
- PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING: 7/31/2010 (Complete)
- ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS: 9/17/2014 (Complete)
- DETAILED DESIGN: 10/11/2018 (Complete)
- RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION: 5/1/2022 (In Progress)
- UTILITY RELOCATION: 12/1/2022 (Not Started)
US-33 AT PICKERINGTON ROAD & ALLEN ROAD

PROJECT OVERVIEW:
This project will remove the existing intersections along US-33 at Pickerington Road and Allen Road and replace them with an interchange facility to be located at Pickerington Road. ODOT District 5 is requesting $11.4 million, with $1 million for preliminary engineering, $400,000 for detailed design (fiscal year 2023) and $10 million for right-of-way acquisition (fiscal year 2023).

2021 TRAC REQUEST:
ODOT District 5 is requesting $11.4 million, with $1 million for preliminary engineering, $400,000 for detailed design, and $10 million for right-of-way acquisition.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

PLANNING STUDIES
4/1/2019 (Complete)

INTERCHANGE STUDIES
12/31/2021 (In Progress)

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
12/31/2021 (In Progress)

ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS
10/15/2022 (Not Started)

DETAILED DESIGN
12/1/2023 (Not Started)

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION
12/1/2023 (Not Started)

UTILITY RELOCATION
5/1/2024 (Not Started)
PROJECT OVERVIEW:
This project proposes to widen Broad Street (SR-16) between John Reese Parkway and Oxford Drive to create a consistent five-lane cross-section. This improvement would create side-by-side left-turn lanes between Main Street and Township Road. Improvements include the construction of a multi-use path on one side of Broad Street and a sidewalk on the other side.

2021 TRAC REQUEST:
The City of Pataskala is requesting Tier I status and $12.14 million for various project development activities ($950,000 for preliminary engineering, $480,000 for detailed design, $950,000 for right-of-way, $9.76 million for construction).

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
- **PLANNING STUDIES**: 4/15/2021 (In Progress)
- **INTERCHANGE STUDIES**: Not Started (TBD)
- **PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING**: 3/1/2022 (Not Started)
- **ENVIRONMENTAL/NEPA APPROVAL**: 3/1/2023 (Not Started)
- **DETAILED DESIGN**: 3/1/2023 (Not Started)
- **RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION**: 3/1/2024 (Not Started)
- **UTILITY RELOCATION**: 3/1/2025 (Not Started)
I-71 & BIG WALNUT INTERCHANGE

PROJECT NAME: DEL-IR71.3.55
LAYMAN NAME: I-71 & Big Walnut New Interchange

SUBMITTED BY: The Delaware County Engineers Office
ODOT PROJECT ID: 79608
MORPC MTP PROJECT: Yes
COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT: Yes
TOTAL PROJECT COST: $75 million
CURRENT TRAC STATUS: Tier II - Development
TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier II - Development

2021 TRAC REQUEST:
The Delaware County Engineers Office is requesting to remain in Tier II status, and requests $3 million for right-of-way acquisition in fiscal year 2025.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

PLANNING STUDIES
2/1/2009 (Complete)

INTERCHANGE STUDIES
12/1/2022 (Not Started)

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
6/1/2022 (In Progress)

ENVIRONMENTAL/NEPA APPROVAL
8/1/2023 (In Progress)

DETAILED DESIGN
8/1/2024 (Not Started)

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION
8/1/2025 (Not Started)

UTILITY RELOCATION
8/1/2026 (Not Started)
Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee  
    Transportation Advisory Committee  
    Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director  
    Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: April 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-4-21: “Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2022 Planning Work Program”

Annually, MORPC submits a Planning Work Program (PWP) that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming year. The PWP outlines MORPC’s annual scope of work with ODOT using federal planning dollars. The total Fiscal Year 2022 budget of all work elements is $5,833,356 to be spent in SFY 2022 or later. The work elements of the PWP as shown in the summary attached to the resolution (T-4-21) are divided into four sections:

1) **Formula-Funded Planning Program Projects (total budget of $2,958,541 for SFY 2022)**
   This includes work elements related to the core federally required planning activities. These touch on all areas including active transportation planning, safety planning, the Transportation Improvement Program, transportation data and analysis, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and member and public involvement and education. This includes some carryover from the SFY 2021 core program.

2) **Special Studies (total budget $1,624,815 for SFY 2022 or later)**
   These are special studies completed with funding outside of the core planning funds. These include work elements related to, insight2050 Technical Assistance, Paving the Way, supplemental planning, greenways planning, LinkUs Corridors Planning, mobility management and 5310 designated recipient for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities programs.

3) **Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects (total budget is $1,250,000 for SFY 2022)**
   This includes transportation services related to Ridesharing (Gohio) and Air Quality Awareness activities.

4) **Projects Undertaken by Other Entities**
This area is provided in order to report on local and transit transportation planning activities throughout the region. No specific federal funding through MORPC is provided for these activities.

Resolution T-4-21 accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2022 as a document to receive federal and state planning funds.

Attachment: Resolution T-4-21
RESOLUTION T-4-21

“Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2022 Planning Work Program”

WHEREAS, surface transportation systems serve economic activities and provide the necessary and highly valued opportunity for people to travel freely wherever and whenever they want; and

WHEREAS, inevitably travel in Central Ohio involves frequent crossings of municipal, township and county boundaries on facilities that are under the control of various local jurisdictions, special-purpose agencies, and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, usually transportation systems that function best and are most cost-effective include regular cooperative and coordinated planning and decision-making across geographic and administrative boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to help encourage, facilitate and provide a forum for this cooperation so as to help spend regional transportation funds most effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Work Program (PWP) is the document that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Central Ohio Transit Authority have reviewed the MORPC Fiscal Year 2022 PWP (summary attached); and

WHEREAS, approval of this work program by the Transportation Policy Committee is necessary for MORPC to receive federal and state grants to accomplish the scope of work within it; and

WHEREAS, basic requirements for the PWP are included in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 450.308; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 3, 2021 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 5, 2021 recommended acceptance of this work program by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it hereby accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2022 as a document to receive federal and state planning funds.

Section 2. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio and U.S. Departments of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the activity.

Section 3. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of this program by the Policy Committee.

Section 4. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

________________________________________
Karen J. Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Infrastructure & Development Department
Attachment: Summary of FY 2022 PWP
SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2022 MORPC PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Notes on Listing
Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2022) is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2022 or subsequent years.

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* Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021
^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022
Participation and education on freight initiatives
Transportation security assistance

60132-1000 Safety Planning
$125,000
Safety continues to be a significant focus for FHWA, ODOT, and the entire region. This activity works to gather crash data, conduct crash data analyses, reports on safety meetings, encourages local governments to apply for funding to implement safety countermeasures, conducts pre- and post-crash data analysis for safety projects to evaluate the benefits of each countermeasure, and implements the regional systematic safety improvements.

Products/Activities
- Regional crash data analysis
- Regional Safety Education
- Member assistance
- Participation in local and state safety committees
- Project Evaluation
- Special projects and studies

60152-3000 Transit and Human Services Planning
$75,000
Coordination, assistance, and oversight to improve transit service and workforce mobility. Work includes integration of all aspects of transit and mobility to ensure that an adequate level of access is afforded to all populations while improving the range of options for meeting diverse mobility needs.

Products/Activities
- Maintain the urbanized area's Coordinated Plan for Franklin and Delaware Counties
- Public transit provider coordination
- Transit Service planning assistance
- Monitor agreements and funding in the region
- Workforce Mobility Assistance

60202-3000 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation
$275,000
The TIP is one of the two required items to allow for the flow of federal and state transportation funds into the region. This activity includes the development, update and revisions of the TIP, monitoring of federally funded projects, coordination of federally funded infrastructure projects with projects funded from other sources, allocation of STBG, CMAQ, and TAP funding, the TRAC process, environmental studies and engineering source document review, innovative financing, and financing education. Specific activities for the year are listed below.

Products/Activities
- Maintain the SFY 2021-2024 TIP
- Prioritized list of regional projects for TRAC
- Collaboration on innovative project delivery and financing options for projects
- Reports on the status of federally funded projects & annual obligation report
- Update the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding

60512-2000 Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data
$445,000
This element pertains to MORPC's role as a leader in coordinating data providers throughout the region, as well as managing its own internal data and GIS systems. It includes using technology for collecting, maintaining and sharing data sets that support transportation programs. It includes keeping data sets current and organized, and managing and monitoring the GIS system. In addition, it includes advancing collaboration among local data providers to reduce redundancies and improve efficiencies associated with information management.

Products/Activities
- Increase efficiencies of internal data systems
- Update and maintain data sets to support transportation planning efforts
- Promote data sharing among data providers to reduce redundancy
- Coordinate with U.S. Census

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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022
Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools developed through 60511-2000 to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. In addition, MORPC functions as a regional resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs. This element includes aspects of research associated with fulfilling those requests.

**Products/Activities**
- Provide GIS and technical assistance to transportation programs
- Prepare annual estimates of population and employment at the county and sub-county levels
- Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making
- Update the Transportation Plan Report Card
- Respond to and document requests

Building upon transportation data, this activity maintains, updates and refines the regional transportation models and continues to refine and implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP) procedures in the 3C planning process, including monitoring congestion, Environmental Justice (social equity) analysis, TIP and Transportation Plan air quality conformity, SIP revisions, and CMAQ justifications. Participation in other regional congestion management and air quality initiatives.

**Products/Activities**
- Up-to-date travel demand model
- Up-to-date data sets for SIP development and air quality conformity
- Up-to-date CMP and EJ analysis procedures, data and documents
- Determination of the emissions changes from proposed CMAQ projects
- Up-to-date Land Use Model processes
- Modeling assistance to ODOT staff in the certified design traffic development

The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the major requirement of the MPO, including coordinating all Transportation Plan-related activities. This includes any follow-up to the just completed 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and initial steps of the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan to be adopted in 2024. This activity is also to coordinate with state and local agencies on transportation studies and plans. Specific activities this year are listed below.

**Products/Activities**
- 2020-2050 MTP Follow-up
- Goals and Objectives for the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Complete long-range system studies
- Coordination with ODOT planning activities
- Intercity transportation service planning
- Functional Class, National Highway System, and Thoroughfare Planning
- insight2050 resource updates and outreach

Public involvement is a vital component of the transportation planning process. This activity maintains the public involvement process for transportation consistent with the FAST-Act and federal regulations and local needs. Efforts continue to seek the involvement of low-income and minority populations, handicapped and elderly in the transportation planning process, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Active Transportation Plan, FTA's Section 5310, FTA's Section 5307 and other transportation-related studies. The Public involvement Plan (PIP) supports the activities of the Community Advisory Committee and provides updates on transportation planning activities through presentations, the web, electronic newsletter, social media and other public involvement activities. The PIP will be updated during 2022 to ensure it reflects an inclusive process and new outreach methods.

**Products/Activities**
- Transportation Public Involvement Process
- Public Involvement Activities for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Public Involvement Activities for the Transportation Improvement Program
- Public Involvement Activities for the Active Transportation Plan

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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022
Coordination of transportation planning efforts among different jurisdictions is a critical element to ensuring regional consistency in the transportation network. This activity includes informational sharing meetings among MORPC and others, regional collaboration meetings, and educational transportation workshops and forums. MORPC staff also provides support to individual communities with integrating regional initiatives into local land use and transportation plans.

**Products/Activities**

- Informational Meetings
- Regional Collaboration Group Meetings
- Member Education
- Cross-jurisdictional Planning Assistance

This work element is to facilitate the efficient administration of the transportation planning program. This work element provides for technical and policy direction of activities to fulfill ODOT, U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, FHWA, FTA and jointly funded work as described in the Planning Work Program, where such activities are not directly attributable to specific work elements. The specific items are listed below.

**Products/Activities**

- CAC, TAC, TPC agendas and meeting summaries
- Annual Planning Work Program and Completion Report
- Title VI & DBE Process
- Maintain certification and planning agreements
- Monitor federal and state planning requirements

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## II. Special Studies

**Total Budget** $2,078,412  
$453,597 spent prior to SFY 2022  
Balance for SFY 2022 or later is $1,624,815

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<td>Central Ohio Greenways Planning</td>
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<td>MORPC and the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board will work on advancing the Regional Trail Vision and ensuring its safe, accessible, and equitable implementation through innovative partnerships and creative solutions.</td>
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<td>$200,000</td>
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| **66522-3000** | LinkUS Regional Corridors Planning |
| **BUDGET** | This work element focuses on conducting regional high capacity transit corridor planning and outreach to ensure a safe, accessible, and equitable implementation of the LinkUS Transit Corridors. The LinkUS Committees which include leaders from MORPC, COTA, City of Columbus, Franklin County and many other regional stakeholders will serve as the advisory bodies guiding most of this work. The City of Columbus and COTA have initiated the next step of planning and project development in three corridors. This work element supports that work including coordination of multiple regional stakeholders, technical planning and analysis, revenue forecasting, fiscally constrained budgeting, transit capital funds grant writing and extensive public engagement. |
| $500,000 | **Products/Activities** |
| 100% MORPC STBG with Toll Credit | Outreach, Education & Engagement |
| | High Capacity Transit Planning |
| | Transit Oriented Development Planning |
| | Corridor Funding Strategies |

| **66542-0400** | Paving The Way |
| **BUDGET** | The purpose of this work element is to provide transportation project construction and other road closure information to the public. Paving the Way acts as a liaison between the government agencies implementing projects and the public, and it is unique in that it provides information on all projects affecting traffic regardless of which agency (state, local, or utility) is responsible. Paving the Way addresses construction management and communication on a regional, rather than project, basis. The program regularly provides information and education to the public on roadway construction, traffic management, and work zone safety and alternative transportation options with the goal of ensuring that drivers experience the least possible inconvenience while traveling in and around Central Ohio. |
| $50,000 | **Products/Activities** |
| 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit | Project Coordination |
| | Communications and Outreach |

| **66562-3000** | Supplemental Planning |
| **BUDGET** | This work element supplements the formula-funded program and includes research and planning efforts that are required to fulfill MPO planning and project implementation responsibilities. The activity includes elements that supplement project delivery, data collection and data management, RSTI support, long-range studies and sustainability. Specific activities this year are listed below. |
| $350,000 | **Products/Activities** |
| 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit | Regular reports to members and MORPC committees on project delivery |
| | Traffic counts for approximately 200 locations, including bike and pedestrian counts as identified in active transportation count plan |
| | Implement projects to address the goals, objectives, and action items detailed in the Regional Data Agenda. |
| | Provide special services and conduct special transportation studies |

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Support for the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) activities
Resiliency Planning
Coordination with other regional activities, such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda to further the 2020-2050 MTP goals

$250,000

The purpose of this work element is to provide technical planning assistance to support individual communities with effective integration of insight2050 findings into local land use and transportation plans. Services will be provided for specific community planning and development projects related to transportation, air quality, traffic, and other projects that support consideration of transportation in land use planning and/or demonstrate the benefits of various modes of transportation. Part of this work element is to maintain online references, tools, policies, and expertise developed under this PWP work element.

**Products/Activities**
- Planning Assistance
- Outreach
- Maintenance of insight2050 resources

**Technical Assistance Program**

**66572-1000**
$250,000

100% MORPC STBG using toll credit

**5310 Designated Recipient-2020 & 2021**

This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for each federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients.

**Products/Activities**
- A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions
- Comply with other FTA requirements
- Program of Projects
- Update and Maintain the Coordinated Plan

**5310 Designated Recipient-2022**

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**Products/Activities**
- A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions
- Comply with other FTA requirements
- Program of Projects
- Update and Maintain the Coordinated Plan

**Mobility Management 2020 & 2021**

This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan for the MPO and administers the FTA’s Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area.

**Products/Activities**
- Engagement
- Increase capacity
- Information coordination
- State and local coordination
- Awareness and accessibility

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  - Increase capacity
  - Information coordination
  - State and local coordination
  - Awareness and accessibility

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## III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

### Total Budget $1,250,000

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<td><strong>Transportation Services (Ridesharing)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$700,000</strong></td>
<td>Promote Travel Demand Reduction (TDM) in Central Ohio; and market programs and service in a 15-county area. Program services include carpool matching, vanpool formation, transit, bike and pedestrian support and strategies for employers and the general public. MORPC administers an emergency ride home program, vanpool program, and a multiregional rideshare matching vendor contract in coordination with OARC rideshare agencies.</td>
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<td>Promote a culture of sustainable and smart multimodal travel throughout Central Ohio. Public education and ridematching services</td>
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<td>Raise public awareness about mobility options in the region. Increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance to improve air quality</td>
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| **66732-1000** | **Air Quality Awareness** |
| **$550,000** | This work element ensures that MORPC continues air pollution forecasting and educating its members and the public on the importance of air quality, its health and environmental impacts, and how to reduce air pollution. Furthermore, MORPC provides technical and planning assistance to the region on strategies to reduce fuel use and reduce emissions and energy use. |
| **100% MORPC CMAQ** | **Products/Activities** |
| | Operate a year-round daily air quality forecasting and alert system to communicate important air quality information to Central Ohio residents |
| | Air Quality Alerts |
| | Education and Outreach |
| | Conduct special studies and projects related to air quality |
| | Planning and policy assistance |

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### IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

**Total Budget**  $0

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| 66505-3000   | **Ongoing Local Planning**
| $0           | Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget. |
| No funding   | **Products/Activities**
|              | Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes |
| 67401-3000   | **Ongoing COTA Activities**
| $0           | This work element is for coordination with COTA to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in the COTA service area, mainly in Franklin County and in portions of adjacent counties. No budget. |
| No funding   | **Products/Activities**
|              | COTA's planning process |
|              | Continued refinement of COTA's Long-Range Plan and other planning activities |
|              | Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update |
|              | Service change planning |
|              | COTA safety and asset management plans |
| 67402-3000   | **Ongoing DCT Activities**
| $0           | This work element is for coordination with DCT to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in Delaware County. No budget. |
| No funding   | **Products/Activities**
|              | DCT's planning process and requirements needed to receive federal urban area and state funds |
|              | Implement recommendations from DCT's Interim SRTP |
|              | DCT safety and asset management plans |

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RESOLUTION T-5-21

“Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Columbus Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.334 requires that the state and MPO certify, at least every four years, that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements, including:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning requirements);
2. Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as Amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93;
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
4. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or business opportunity;
5. Section 1101(b) of the) FAST-Act (Pub. L. 114-94) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT-funded projects;
6. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of the equal employment opportunity program on federal and federal-aid highway construction contracts;
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
9. Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this “self-certification” is separate from the MPO certification done by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, which was last conducted at MORPC in 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite to the receipt of federal financial assistance (per 49 CFR Subtitle A, Section 21.7), MORPC is required to provide the Title VI Assurances included in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 3, 2021 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 5, 2021 recommended approval of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it certifies that the urban transportation planning process is carried out in conformance with all the applicable federal requirements to the degree that is appropriate for the size and complexity of the area.

Section 2. That it provides the Title VI Assurances in Attachment A, Parts 1 and 2.

Section 3. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

____________________________________
Karen J Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

____________________________________
Date

Prepared by: Nick Gill

Attachments:
A. Part 1 - Standard DOT Title VI Assurances
   Part 2 – Contractor Contractual Requirements
PART 1
STANDARD DOT TITLE VI ASSURANCES

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) hereby agrees that as a condition to receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT), it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and all requirements imposed by 49 CFR Part 21 - Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”) to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which MORPC receives Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. Without limiting the above general assurance, MORPC agrees that:

1. Each “program” and “facility” (as defined in Sections 21.23(e) and 21.23 (b)) will be conducted or operated in compliance with all requirements of the Regulations.

2. It will insert the clauses of Part 2 of this assurance in every contract subject to the Act and the Regulations.

3. This assurance obligates MORPC for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of personal property or real property or interest therein or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates MORPC or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

   (a) the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or

   (b) the period during which MORPC retains ownership or possession of the property.

4. It will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom (s)he delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other sponsors, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants or Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.

5. It agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance for this Project and is binding on MORPC, its contractor, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest and other participants in the Project. The person whose signature appears on this resolution is authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of MORPC.
PART 2
CONTRACTOR CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations.** The contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "DOT"), Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

2. **Nondiscrimination.** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), age (40 years or older), disability, low-income status, or limited English proficiency in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 49 CFR 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B to part 21 of the Regulations.

3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment.** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), age (40 years or older), disability, low-income status, or limited English proficiency.

4. **Information and Reports.** The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), or U.S. DOT to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to MORPC, ODOT or U.S. DOT, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance.** In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, MORPC shall impose such contract sanctions as it, ODOT or the U.S. DOT may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
   
a. Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies, and/or

   b. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

6. **Incorporation of Provisions.** The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall include the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 5 in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as MORPC, ODOT or U.S. DOT may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event a contractor or subcontractor(s) becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor or subcontractor(s) may request MORPC or ODOT to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of MORPC or ODOT and, in addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
2021-2025 REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

Brandi Whetstone, Sustainability Officer

AGENDA

• Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) Background
• Subcommittee
• Process and Components of 2021-2024 RSA
• Next Steps
• Questions
RSA SUB-COMMITTEE

Chair: Justin Milam, City of Upper Arlington
Vice-Chair: Alex Slaymaker, Smart Columbus

Membership:
- Emerald Hernandez, City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods
- Kyle O’Keefe, SWACO
- Nick Plouck, City of Dublin
- James Mako, Fairfield Regional Planning Commission
- Jennie McAdams, Franklin County Public Health
- Basar Ozbilen, Ohio State University
- Dan Sowry, Ohio EPA
- Eric Walli, Honda North America

PROCESS

- Vision and principles
- Sustainable2050 member survey & interviews
- Workshop focused on equity considerations
- Propose and vet goals, objectives, strategies
- Regional stakeholder survey
- Regional stakeholder presentation
- Sub-committee and SAC approval
PUBLIC INPUT

Survey
• 59 responses
• Between 80-90% agreed that the goals and the objectives would benefit all communities
• 52% provide services or programming for low-income or minority populations.
• Several comments about equity and inclusion

Virtual Lunch and Learn
• Over 80 in attendance
• Diverse partners

RSA SURVEY QUOTES

“I am a social worker and many of my clients have asthma, COPD, and other respiratory illnesses. This has made them more vulnerable during COVID, prevents them from engaging in outdoor activities during poor air quality alerts in the summer, and creates further financial inequities due to our costly healthcare system. The more we improve the air the better physical, mental, and economic health my clients on the South Side of Columbus will have.”

“Our county has a strong presence in agriculture, and we would like to see the land conversion rate decreased by creative housing strategies and other development efforts. We also know that our residents want natural amenities like clean rivers for kayaking, etc.”

“It is really important to consider lower income and communities of color when planning new infrastructure. Especially in terms of transportation, these people are most exposed to poor quality as a result of living near highways, etc., and have the least access to reliable public transportation. I would like to see new transportation infrastructure before anything else, because people will benefit from this endeavor the most.”

“Given our diverse geography (rural, urban, suburban) - this goal ensures the future of the region is mindful of the diverse needs of our diverse communities. Additionally, housing is not just an urban or Columbus problem - it needs to be addressed throughout all our jurisdictions, including those communities that have been exclusive thus far.”
Goal 1: Improve air quality and reduce climate change impacts to protect public health and the environment.

1.1 Reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled.
1.2 Increase alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure.
1.3 Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors.
1.4 Increase local renewable energy generating capacity.
1.5 Reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions.
1.6 Increase the number of days with good air quality.
GOAL 2

Goal 2: Protect and preserve natural resources to support a healthy and resilient region.

2.1 Reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill.
2.2 Reduce per capita water consumption.
2.3 Improve water quality in central Ohio watersheds.
2.4 Increase the amount of land devoted to natural areas and ecosystem services.
2.5 Reduce the conversion rate of farmland.

GOAL 3

Goal 3: Improve quality of life for all residents by creating sustainable and equitable communities.

3.1 Improve transportation and mobility safety for all residents.
3.2 Prioritize infrastructure development which supports multi-modal transportation options for all users.
3.3 Increase access to parks and regional trails.
3.4 Reduce household energy cost burden.
3.5 Reduce the rate of elevated blood lead levels among children.
GOAL 4

Goal 4: Promote robust, inclusive, and sustainable growth and development.

4.1 Increase the number of businesses with established sustainability policies and practices.
4.2 Maximize infill and redevelopment along existing infrastructure.
4.3 Increase availability of affordable housing options near transit or job centers.
4.4 Increase employment in green jobs.

NEXT STEPS

• Commission review and adoption in May
• Design/format for website
• Create new Sustainable2050 certification workbook
• Update Regional Sustainability Dashboard to track progress
Questions?

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