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

Thursday, May 13, 2021
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m.
1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
 - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
 3. **One MORPC One Voice: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Franklin County** – Rachelle A. Martin, NAMI Franklin County Executive Director
 4. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - a. **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

2:00 p.m.

Committees

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Karen J. Angelou
Chair

Erik J. Janas
Vice Chair

Chris Amorose Groomes
Secretary

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

- a. **Proposed Resolution 06-21: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2021-2024 Regional Sustainability Agenda”** – Justin Milam (City of Upper Arlington), Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee Chair
- b. **RAPID 5 Update** – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Sustainability Director

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

- a. **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs & Strategic Initiatives

2:25 p.m.

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

- a. **Call to Order** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
- b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
 - Transportation Infrastructure & Development – Thea Ewing, Director
- c. **LinkUS: State of Mobility** – Jennifer Gallagher, City of Columbus Department of Public Service Director and Joanna M. Pinkerton, COTA President & CEO
- d. **Proposed Resolution T-3-21: “Establishing priorities for Central Ohio candidate projects submitted in 2021 for TRAC funding”** – Thea Ewing, MORPC Transportation Infrastructure & Development Director
- e. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of **April 8, 2021 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - 2) **Proposed Resolution T-2-21: “Adopting MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments”**
 - 3) **Proposed Resolution T-4-21: “Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2021 Planning Work Program”**
 - 4) **Proposed Resolution T-5-21: “Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process”**
- f. **COVID Policy Briefs & COVID Impacts on Transportation** – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director

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

8. Commission Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of **April 8, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Proposed Resolution 05-21: “Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”**
- c. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

9. Other Business

3:00 p.m. **10. Adjourn** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

PLEASE NOTIFY SHARI SAUNDERS AT 614-233-4169 OR ssaunders@morpc.org IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.

The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, June 10, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
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MORPC Monthly Agency Report

April 2021

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Air Quality Month

MORPC is promoting Air Quality Month in May. During the month a digital campaign called "Know Your Air" will run. The goal is to increase registrations for air quality alerts. In June, we will follow up with an email campaign to educate on additional Gohio Commute offerings to improve air quality.

Ohio Conference on Freight

MORPC, the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) and others are hosting the May 20-21 Ohio Conference on Freight. Registration is open for the virtual event which is filled with plenary and breakout sessions and virtual tours.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts

Volunteer Manual Bike and Ped Counts will commence this spring on Sunday, May 2 and go through Saturday, June 5. Volunteers can select 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 lcardon@morpc.org.

Diversity & Inclusion

MORPC recognized "Celebrate Diversity Month" by wrapping up our DE&I Workshops. We partnered with YWCA Columbus to facilitate a total of four trainings for our employees and members. Registration went well and we received positive feedback. We also commemorated the month with a social media campaign by raising awareness to the importance of DE&I.

Beginning this month, MORPC is partnering with two national organizations. These are both great opportunities for MORPC as we continue to engage with diverse communities. They have each developed a strong presence in our region with innovative grassroots strategies by connecting with minorities regarding their programs. For example, we would collaborate on initiatives and events to increase awareness of MORPC programs and services.

- **The National African American Male Wellness Agency (AAMWA 501-C3)**
 - Began in 2004 to reduce disparities in premature death and chronic diseases among African American males by providing over 4,000 free health screenings yearly and innovative health education programs.
 - Engage AA community with six core focus areas: health and wellness, financial wellness, mental health, research, mentorship, and fatherhood initiatives.
- **COMTO - (Columbus Chapter) Conference of Minority Transportation Officials**
 - This national organization was founded in 1971. There are 30+ chapters nationally promoting scholarships, internships, and contracting opportunities in transportation for minority individuals, veterans, people with disabilities and certified MWDBE businesses, through education, professional development, scholarship and internship funding, leadership training, political advocacy, partnership building and networking opportunities.

Renovation Updates

Renovations are on track to be substantially complete and ready for the planned return-to-office date of June 1. The remaining few furniture items continue to be installed. Information Technology Services continues to

support the office renovation through a complete network and wireless network upgrade, porting desktop phone lines to Microsoft Teams Phone Systems, working on audio/video technology design, and working with our vendor to configure printers.

Broadband Access

MORPC, ESCCO, and PCs for People continue to meet with prospective funders, wireless vendors, school superintendents and other interested parties to further the success of the Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program.

MORPC 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.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

Information sheets for the nine projects submitted in the MPO area were posted on the MORPC website (<https://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/funding-grants>). Public comments were solicited through April 28. Team Members 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. 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, RAPID 5 and other initiatives.

RAISE Grant

U.S. DOT released a notice of funding opportunity for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants. Formerly known as BUILD and TIGER, \$1 billion of discretionary grant funds are available for the FY 2021 RAISE grant program. U.S. DOT seeks to fund projects under the RAISE Program that considered climate change and environmental justice in the planning stage and were designed with specific elements to address climate change impacts. Consistent with the quality of life and partnership merit criteria, the Department seeks to use the RAISE program to encourage racial equity in two areas: (1) incorporating planning and adopting policies related to racial equity and reducing barriers to opportunity; and (2) investing in projects that either proactively addresses racial equity and barriers to opportunity. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT July 12, 2021. MORPC will provide regional application coordination and technical assistance.

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 gathered virtually for a discussion on how cities are responding to housing challenges with updates to their zoning codes. The May 20 housing panel features MORPC members and partners discussing financial resources to support Central Ohio residents and financial incentives to support housing development.

Team Members 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.

Central Ohio Defense Group

As MORPC continues to elevate the work of the Central Ohio Defense Group with our local government members, Team Members and lead partners at Kegler have laid out a plan and will meet over the next year to identify defense contracts and strengthen our unique defense assets in the region. MORPC's application to the Association of Defense Communities to strategically align our region with other communities across the country has been accepted.

The group meet April 16 and had a presentation from Steve Bonner, President and CEO of SONRI Inc., to discuss the Intergovernmental Service Agreement that provides procurement service for defense assets in their local community. Additionally, Colonel Johnson provided an update regarding Rickenbacker and Griffin Warren provided an update regarding DSCC.

American Rescue Plan/Federal Funding Event

MORPC hosted an event last month with Marcia Hale, who served as President Clinton's Intergovernmental Affairs Director, to inform MORPC members on how they can utilize federal dollars for critical projects in our region, such as addressing broadband affordability and accessibility projects. We will continue to provide updates to our members on the variety of funding opportunities.

State Operating Budget

In April MORPC Executive Director William Murdock testified on the state operating budget which passed the Ohio House last month. The testimony focused on some of the more recent strategic pillars of the agency and some of our more bread-and-butter work such as:

- Broadband
- Affordable Housing
- Brownfield investment
- Local Government Fund

MORPC will assertively advocate on the state operating budget in the Senate.

Ohio University Partnership

MORPC partnered with Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs to create Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials. Designed for newly elected officials (or experienced officials seeking a refresher), this introductory series promotes a high-level understanding of topics essential to effective service as a local council, board, or commission member. The curriculum will be delivered by both seasoned practitioners and academic experts and is organized to fit the demanding schedules of the participants. All sessions include practical information you will use immediately, plus opportunities to network and collaborate with peers.

The program is presented in two parts: The Core Program and the Enrichment Program. To earn a certificate of completion for this program, participants must complete all four workshops in the Core Program and at least one workshop in the Enrichment Program. Participants are encouraged to participate in all workshops in the Enrichment Program. The program kicked off on May 5 and has 15 public servants across our region.

Regional Policy Roundtable

During the April 27 meeting, Franklin Water and Soil Conservation District Executive Director Jennifer Fish gave a member update on the six minimum stormwater basic control measures. Director Fish also outlined the application process and new requirements for the Small MS4 permit renewal which included:

- Additional requirements for water quality impairments (TMDLS) in watersheds.
- Post Construction mapping to include practice type.
- Notify EPA within 24 hours regarding any connections or leaking sanitary sewer lines that are actively contributing sewage to the MS4.
- Use a standard checklist for development plan reviews and construction site inspections.
- Inspection of all private post-construction facilities once over the permit term

For additional information please contact Franklin Soil and Water District or the Ohio EPA. The next Regional Roundtable meeting is August 10, 2021, 11:30 a.m. and will be held virtually.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Team Members began 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 2024-2050 MTP.

Mobility Management

Gohio Mobility began user testing to match mobility services and providers. NOACA and MORPC will be developing written and video training materials for ODOT and Mobility Managers across the state.

Regional Mobility Plan

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.

Transit

Transit entities outside the Columbus Urbanized Area (UZA) were invited to the quarterly Transit Coordination Meeting where current and future coordination projects were discussed. Attendees included: Fairfield, Pickaway, and Union Counties; COTA; DCT; LCT; and LCATS.

5310 Designated Recipient

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

Gohio

MORPC 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.

US23 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 on May 20. The consultant team shared the conceptual storyboard for an informational video. MORPC delivered initial traffic volume forecasts and reviewed them with the project team.

LinkUS

The project team is expecting final documentation from the consultant team within the coming weeks for the northwest corridor. The consultant team presented summary results of the east-west corridor alternatives analysis to the project team and technical and stakeholder groups. The consultant team will provide 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)

County-level subcommittee meetings were held in March. CORPO Team Members continue to work with members on several special projects in the CORPO are including the Madison County Thoroughfare Plan, the Knox-Morrow Freeway Access Study, and the US-33 Corridor Plan Technical Advisory Committee. The next CORPO meeting is May 3.

MORPC Attributable Funding

Team Members completed the public comment period for draft attributable funding recommendations in March. No comments were received. 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)

On April 21 the NRAC approved \$5.4 million for six Clean Ohio Conservation applications. The projects are:

| Rank | Applicant | Project Name | Project Type | Total Project Cost | Clean Ohio Award |
|------|--------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Columbus | Refugee Rd. Mason Run Parklands | Land Acquisition | \$1,440,000 | \$1,008,000 |
| 2 | Columbus | Cherrybottom Expansion Park - Venice Club | Land Acquisition | \$644,000 | \$463,680 |
| 3 | Columbus | Cherrybottom Expansion Park - Capitol City Baptist | Land Acquisition | \$272,000 | \$195,840 |
| 4 | Metro Parks | Little Walnut Creek Acquisition | Land Acquisition | \$2,910,000 | \$2,182,500 |
| 5 | Metro Parks | Big Walnut Creek Acquisition | Land Acquisition | \$1,710,000 | \$1,282,500 |
| 6 | Reynoldsburg | Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration & Riparian Corridor Enhancement | Riparian Corridor Protection | \$688,100 | \$258,049* |
| 7 | Dublin | Riverside Crossing Park Land Acquisition N. Riverview Properties | Land Acquisition | \$125,183 | \$0* |

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

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.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

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

- 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 soon 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.

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 meets regularly to create the framework of the project.

COVID-19 Research Briefs

Team Members continue their work with New Reach Community Consulting and local partners to develop a series of data-based research briefs to prepare and inform regional policy and decision-makers on the likely mid- and long-term effects of the pandemic and shutdowns. The expected launch date for the Policy Briefs is May 4.

Data & Mapping Outreach & Collaboration

Team Members are working with ODOT to help them consume Franklin County LBRS data. Staff are working with partners and other agencies to gather data for use with the new ESRI ArcGIS Urban program being rolled out. Team Members are working with the City of Columbus and other partners on the Central Data & Technology Council.

Team Members continue to update the COVID-19 Resource Hub (<https://central-ohio-covid19-morpc.hub.arcgis.com/>) and the Mid-Ohio Open Data/M.O.O.D. (<https://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/mid-ohio-open-data/>) with information pertinent to members.

Team Members are serving on:

- The Convergence Columbus initiative, a multi-year, cross-sector initiative to promote minority homeownership opportunities through a series of place-based pilot programs. The group is made up of representatives from government, non-profit, and housing industry stakeholders.
- 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.

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 is June 24.

Active Transportation Committee (ATC)

The second quarter ATC meeting was replaced by the April 13 ATP Stakeholder Workshop. The next ATC meeting is 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 lcardon@morpc.org.

Active Transportation Outreach

MORPC continues to host virtual watch parties for the monthly Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) webinars. The May webinar is Wednesday, May 19, 3 p.m. The topic is “Non-Urban Networks: Active Transportation in Rural America.” Contact Lauren Cardoni at lcardon@morpc.org to join the watch party.

Active Transportation Technical Assistance

Team members 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 provided information to help students develop their recommendations and a funding strategy for their final plan.

insight2050 Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

Team Members continue 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 are 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. Team Members continue to develop an interactive spreadsheet to guide decision-making for the Franklin County Engineer's Office Complete Streets Implementation Toolkit.

Transportation Safety

State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Steering Committee: Statewide safety updates included a six percent 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 percent 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 percent 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 are 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 the crashes involved impairment as a factor in the crash. Additionally, statistics were provided on the 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

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.

Central Ohio Greenways Board (COG)

The COG Board met March 17 and welcomed new 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 five local landscape architecture firms and will kick off in the spring. The board also received updates from the working groups.

- The Trail Development Working Group is exploring new trail count equipment. Representatives from Eco Counter joined the April 15 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.
- The Marketing & Communications Working Group is developing a trail loop/event toolkit as well as a scope for a trail town program.
- The Operations & Access Working Group is focused on developing winter maintenance guidelines and scheduling a regional discussion on the topic.
- The Partnership 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.

- The Agriculture and Rural Communities Outreach Team met March 18 and discussed next steps in achieving its social science survey objective. The Team has drafted a brief interview guide to help with this process.

MORPC is partnering with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District to host a forum on May 11 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.

Energy & Air Quality

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

- The Air Quality Sensor 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.
- The Diversity and Environmental Justice Subcommittee is developing a more inclusive roster in order to ensure more perspectives are represented in the subcommittee and within the Working Group's efforts.
- The Solar Subcommittee submitted the application for a Silver SolSmart Regional Organization designation. 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 (LGEP)

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 (SAC)

The Sustainability Advisory Committee met April 21 and unanimously voted to approve the proposed Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA). The SAC 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 June 16.

- Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee (RSA) held their final meeting April 15 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: Team Members are 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.

Membership Services

Membership Services continues to provide weekly COVID 19 communications and updates. Member visits continue.

Work continues on the 2021 Summer Intern Program. Two new hosts and five Easton Future Vision Fellows were added. Team Members conducted interviews and matched students.

Upcoming Events

MORPC and Spectrum are partnering to hold a three-part web series focused on data. The first session is June 4, 10-11:30 a.m.

MORPC in the News

Links to press releases and news article for the month are available at www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews.

Audit Update

Financial Auditors Plante Moran began their field work for the 2020 audit. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval in June.

Information Technology Updates

Phish email testing continues. The prone to phish rate in April is 2.6 percent. The ITS Team is preparing laptop specs and monitors for the next life cycle.

Personnel Updates

MORPC's Planning & Sustainability Team are losing two important Team Members: Tobi Otulana and Jon-Paul d'Aversa. Tobi and Jon-Paul, we wish you well!

The Government Affairs Team was sad to see Public Policy Fellow Kiley Kinnard leave as she finished her time at MORPC on April 30. Ms. Kinnard is working on her master's degree at Ohio University and has been a phenomenal asset at MORPC.

The following Team Members recently started at MORPC:

- Planning & Sustainability insight 2050 Intern Jordan Petrov began March 29
- Data & Mapping Data Analyst Ethan Hug began April 12

MORPC is currently recruiting for five (5) open positions:

- Transportation & Infrastructure Development Engineer/Planner/Modeler
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development Executive Planning Assistant
- Communications & Engagement Marketing Intern
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development Intern (Modeler)
- Finance Director

The following are in the offering stage or onboarding soon:

- Program Assistant for the Residential Services Department
- Communications & Engagement/Residential Services Executive Assistant
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development Transit Planner

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

RFP/RFQ Postings

The following RFP's/RFQ's were posted:

- RFQ for HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Program
- RFQ for Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Program

The full RFP/RFQs are available at <http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfq/>.



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Kerstin Carr, Director, Planning & Sustainability
Brandi Whetstone, Sustainability Officer
Jim Schimmer, Franklin County

DATE: May 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 06-21: **“Adoption of MORPC’s 2021-2024 Regional Sustainability Agenda”**

This resolution formally adopts the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission’s (MORPC) 2021-2024 Regional Sustainability Agenda. This Agenda replaces one that was previously adopted for 2017-2020. A subcommittee of the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) conducted a comprehensive and extensive process to recommend a Regional Sustainability Agenda for 2021-2024. The process included substantial public and stakeholder engagement as well as the hiring of a consultant to ensure the agenda has a strong equity focus. This document will serve as a framework for MORPC’s staff and working groups to guide the work and programming towards a more sustainable region and support the Sustainable2050 program.

This Agenda is aligned with MORPC’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and includes consideration for other regional plans and initiatives, such as MORPC’s Public Policy Agenda, insight2050, Sustaining Scioto, and Regional Housing Strategy.

The Regional Sustainability Agenda was recommended to move forward by the subcommittee and unanimously approved by the Sustainability Advisory Committee on April 21, 2021.

The 2021-2024 Regional Sustainability Agenda may evolve as important issues and key concerns arise throughout the next four years. MORPC will track progress through its Sustainability Dashboard. Further, the SAC will review the annual performance and provide any recommendations for improvements.

Attachment: Resolution 06-21

RESOLUTION 06-21

“Adoption of MORPC’s 2021-2024 Regional Sustainability Agenda”

WHEREAS, members of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Board and the Sustainability Advisory Committee collaborated to recommend the 2021-2024 Regional Sustainability Agenda to replace the one adopted from 2017-2020; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Sustainability Agenda’s vision is of a diverse community of local governments and stakeholders collaborating on environmentally and economically sustainable practices, opportunities, and tools that support regional growth and vitality in the Central Ohio region; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2024 Regional Sustainability Agenda provides a framework for the goals and objectives that guide MORPC’s Sustainability Advisory Committee, working groups and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Sustainability Agenda is developed by incorporating the goals of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and consistent with other previously-adopted plans, such as the Public Policy Agenda; and

WHEREAS, Goal 1 is “Improve air quality and reduce climate change impacts to protect public health and the environment”; and

WHEREAS, Goal 2 is “Protect and preserve natural resources to support a healthy and resilient region”; and

WHEREAS, Goal 3 is “Improve quality of life for all residents by creating sustainable and equitable communities”; and

WHEREAS, Goal 4 is “Promote robust, inclusive, and sustainable growth and development”; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is committed to furthering sustainability-focused programming and solutions that contribute to the overall health, quality of life and economic prosperity of the region; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it supports and adopts the 2021-2024 Regional Sustainability Agenda.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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| Effective date: | May 13, 2021 |
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| Authority: | Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21 |
| For action date: | May 13, 2021 |
| Attachment: | 2021-2024 Regional Sustainability Agenda |

| GOAL 1: Improve air quality and reduce climate change impacts to protect public health and the environment. | |
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| Objectives | Strategies |
| 1.1 Reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled. | a. Create development practices and regulations that reduce the need for vehicle travel. Examples include encouraging mixed-use development, increased density, and shared or reduced parking among neighboring businesses. |
| | b. Adopt a Complete Streets policy. |
| | c. Prioritize proximity to transit stops, multi-use paths, and sidewalks in site selection decisions. Examples include siting within a quarter-mile of a transit stop. |
| | d. Promote and participate in Gohio Commute or other programs to encourage mode-shift among commuters. |
| | e. Provide workplace incentives to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transportation including transit, biking, walking, and ridesharing. |
| | f. Create a telecommuting policy that supports diverse workplace and employee needs. |
| 1.2 Increase alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure. | a. Achieve Green Fleet Certification through Clean Fuels Ohio. |
| | b. Create an alternative fuel vehicle fleet policy and/or replace gas powered vehicles with alternative fuel and electric vehicles. |
| | c. Leverage collective buying power to accelerate conversion of fleets. |
| | d. Develop incentives to encourage the public to use alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure. |
| | e. Install widespread public charging and alternative fuel stations to support EV and alternative fuel vehicle use in all neighborhoods. |
| | f. Collaborate on a regional approach for EV infrastructure planning with priority for equitable distribution. |
| 1.3 Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors. | a. Complete energy audit(s) to identify energy saving opportunities. |
| | b. Implement energy efficient improvements in buildings, facilities, and fleets. |
| | c. Promote PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) and other tools to support energy efficiency and clean energy improvements. |
| | d. Conduct education and outreach to encourage energy efficient improvements and practices. |
| | e. Create and/or participate in behavior-change programs that reduce energy consumption. |
| | f. Engage minority, disadvantaged, small, and women-owned businesses to address energy needs. |
| | g. Benchmark energy use in buildings to manage and track energy performance and to inform energy plans/investments. |
| | h. Prioritize energy performance and sustainability in the design and construction of existing and new builds. |
| 1.4 Increase local renewable energy generating capacity. | a. Update local codes, zoning, and permitting processes to encourage local renewable energy generation. |
| | b. Install solar systems on properties and facilities. |
| | c. Establish a clean energy procurement program for your organization or community. |
| | d. Support community solar and other programs to provide renewable energy opportunities and associated jobs in low-to-moderate income communities. |
| | e. Achieve SolSmart designation to encourage solar development. |
| 1.5 Reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions. | a. Conduct a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory in order to establish a baseline and track emissions. |
| | b. Create and/or implement a plan that includes GHG emission goals and strategies for meeting the goals. |
| | c. Implement inclusive outreach and engagement strategies that encourage input from marginalized communities to shape beneficial solutions. |

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| | d. Implement programs that target greenhouse gas emissions from municipal/organizational sources as well as community sources. (using any of the above strategies that reduce emissions from transportation and building energy) |
| 1.6 Increase the number of days with good air quality. | a. Implement programs that reduce VMT and single occupant vehicle travel by focusing on sustainable modes and mode-shift. |
| | b. Implement/support air quality monitors at the neighborhood level to collect pollution data, and identify where the disparities occur in order to target local solutions for improving air quality. |
| | c. Adopt an Idle-Free vehicle policy. |
| | d. Replace gas-powered lawn equipment with battery and electric powered equipment. |
| | e. Establish an Air Quality Alert day action plan to minimize emissions when high pollution days are forecasted. Strategies include refuel in the morning or after dark, refrain from using gas powered lawn equipment, no vehicle idling, maintain proper tire pressure in vehicles. |
| | f. Establish a communication or outreach process to inform staff and partners about air quality forecasts and Alerts, and encourage strategies to reduce pollution. |
| GOAL 2: Protect and preserve natural resources to support a healthy and resilient region. | |
| Objectives | Strategies |
| 2.1 Reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill. | a. Implement community-wide curbside recycling. |
| | b. Promote food waste prevention, and implement food waste rescue and composting programs. |
| | c. Implement public outreach and education to support waste prevention and diversion activities. Examples include Recycle Right and Save More than Food. |
| | d. Create a zero waste policy for events and provide supporting resources. |
| | e. Support re-use or donation of items, such as computers, with priority for donations going to organizations serving low-income residents. |
| | f. Develop policies that require new commercial construction projects to allocate space for recycling collection containers. |
| | g. Develop a community materials management plan to set waste reduction and diversion goals. |
| | h. Establish a procurement policy or guidance to encourage products made from recycled, biodegradable, and compostable materials. |
| | i. Implement waste reduction and diversion practices in all facilities. |
| 2.2 Reduce per capita water consumption. | a. Update water fixtures, toilets, and appliances with water efficient models. (WaterSense label) |
| | b. Monitor for and repair water leaks in buildings and more broadly in water infrastructure. |
| | c. Implement education and outreach programs across diverse audiences to encourage behavior changes that reduce water consumption and save money. |
| | d. Target incentives and resources toward low-income households to aid in reducing water consumption and bills. (such as free low-flow showerheads, etc) |
| | e. Install rain barrels or other best practices to recycle rain water and promote available programs to encourage community participation. |
| 2.3 Improve water quality in central Ohio watersheds. | a. Utilize green infrastructure (GI) best practices to reduce flooding and stormwater pollution. Examples include rain gardens, bioswales, permeable pavement, and vegetated buffers. |
| | b. Preserve stream corridors, flood plains, wetlands, and native buffers along waterways. |
| | c. Utilize organic alternatives for pest and weed control. |
| | d. Plant native trees, shrubs, and perennials. |
| | e. Host/participate in activities such as river clean-ups, invasive plant removal, storm drain labeling, or other community activities that improve local waterways. |
| | f. Prioritize implementation of water quality improvements to benefit all neighborhoods especially in underserved areas. Activities may include siting green infrastructure, plantings, river-clean up locations, educational outreach, and areas with consistent home septic treatment system failures. |
| | g. Implement pollution prevention strategies and train staff to prevent polluted runoff from maintenance and storage facilities, parking lots, fleet and building management, and storage of waste. |

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| | h. Collaborate with communities and stakeholders across the region to support comprehensive water quality monitoring and increased data resources to better target solutions. |
| | i. Participate in programs and partnerships to support best management practices that reduce pollution from agricultural runoff. Examples may include partnerships with OSU county extension agents, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or American Farmland Trust. |
| 2.4 Increase the amount of land devoted to natural areas and ecosystem services. | a. Utilize and/or promote federal, state, and local programs that fund preservation. |
| | b. Establish a tree canopy policy or plan for protecting, maintaining, and expanding the local tree canopy on public and private property. |
| | c. Prioritize protection and/or restoration of natural areas in underserved communities and areas lacking green space in order to create equitable environmental benefits. |
| | d. Include natural resources and ecosystem preservation in local community plans, policies, and practices. |
| | e. Create/maintain pollinator and wildlife habitat where feasible in public spaces and/or on managed properties. |
| 2.5 Reduce the conversion rate of farmland. | a. Include strategies to support agriculture and food production in community and comprehensive plans. |
| | b. Utilize a balanced and strategic approach for development, with priority areas identified for conservation, development and agriculture in community plans. |
| | c. Support local food through institutional purchasing, farmer's markets, etc. |
| | d. Utilize conservation easements, agricultural protection zones, and other tools to protect valuable agricultural assets. |
| | e. Target financial tools to incentivize farmland preservation. |
| GOAL 3: Improve quality of life for all residents by creating sustainable and equitable communities. | |
| Objectives | Strategies |
| 3.1 Improve transportation and mobility safety for all residents. | a. Implement infrastructure projects that improve safety along the high injury network and/or at high crash locations. |
| | b. Commit to Vision Zero strategies with a "safe system" approach to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries. |
| | c. Prioritize safety improvements in underserved neighborhoods where higher rates of fatalities and injuries occur. |
| | d. Conduct education and outreach across diverse audiences about distracted driving. |
| 3.2 Prioritize infrastructure development which supports multi-modal transportation options for all users. | a. Establish processes or policies that prioritize filling gaps in sidewalk coverage and cross-walks. |
| | b. Establish processes or policies that prioritize transit and bikeway infrastructure access. |
| | c. Establish connections between pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure. |
| | d. Expand and create a low-stress network for non-motorists to improve the user level of comfort. |
| | e. Prioritize investments in areas where there are disparities in sidewalk coverage and areas underserved by a multi-modal transportation system. |
| | f. Implement/support initiatives that enhance mobility options for seniors and people with disabilities. |
| 3.3 Increase access to parks and regional trails. | a. Adopt a multi-use trail plan and ensure implementation of and access to the Regional Trail Vision. |
| | b. Prioritize infrastructure investments to construct trail network segments, and close gaps in the trail network to increase trail miles, connectivity, and accessibility. |
| | c. Increase safety and accessibility of routes to parks and trails. |
| | d. Prioritize trail and trail access investments in accordance with the Regional Trail Prioritization. |
| | e. Include park land acquisition in community plans and budgets, and prioritize areas where there are gaps in parks/trails access. |
| | f. Implement inclusive public engagement and outreach to reflect the needs of the residents in park design. |
| 3.4 Reduce household energy cost burden. | a. Promote and increase participation in utility energy efficiency programs, including free programs for income-qualified households such as the Columbia Gas of Ohio WarmChoice program. |
| | b. Target resources, tools, and outreach programs to address energy consumption in areas with unaffordable household energy burden. |

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| | c. Collaborate on solar development and other initiatives to attract clean energy investments and jobs in underserved neighborhoods. |
| 3.5 Reduce the rate of elevated blood lead levels among children. | a. Encourage lead testing and educational programs to reduce lead exposure in underserved communities. |
| | b. Implement lead service line replacement. |
| | c. Implement or promote existing lead abatement and safety programs for housing. |
| | d. Conduct soil testing to identify potential causes of elevated lead levels. |
| GOAL 4: Promote robust, inclusive, and sustainable growth and development. | |
| Objectives | Strategies |
| 4.1 Increase the number of businesses with established sustainability policies and practices. | a. Promote and/or participate in GreenSpot, Smart Columbus Acceleration Program, or other sustainability-focused workplace programs. |
| | b. Support and promote businesses with sustainable practices, products, and services. |
| | c. Create sustainability programming and resources to support the needs of diverse businesses. |
| | d. Target tools and resources to advance sustainable practices or direct businesses to available tools and resources. |
| 4.2 Maximize infill and redevelopment along existing infrastructure. | a. Include infill and redevelopment in zoning code and/or community plans. |
| | b. Use a fix-it-first strategy to maintain and repair existing infrastructure. |
| | c. Retrofit and preserve existing buildings, housing, and structures wherever possible. |
| | d. Update land-use policies and zoning codes to encourage mixed use development and density. |
| | e. Prioritize infrastructure investments in underserved communities with the greatest need. |
| 4.3 Increase availability of affordable housing options near transit or job centers. | a. Develop a Local Housing Action Agenda based on the Regional Housing Strategy. |
| | b. Preserve existing affordable and naturally occurring affordable housing. |
| | c. Target financial tools and incentives toward development of housing to serve low-to-moderate income households |
| 4.4 Increase employment in green jobs. | a. Promote and collaborate with workforce development programs that create job opportunities focused in underserved communities. |
| | b. Target tools and resources to support innovation and new green businesses. |
| | c. Create policies or guidelines to support environmentally-friendly purchasing and contracting. |



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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 Walsh, AICP
Transportation Infrastructure & Development

DATE: May 7, 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 Far East 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.

| Application | In Support | Opposed | Total Comments |
|--|------------|-----------|----------------|
| Far East Freeway Phases 2 & 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Far East I-70/Taylor/SR-256 interchange | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| I-270/US-23 Interchange | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Broad Street Widening (Pataskala) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| US-33/Pickerington/Allen new interchange | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Alum Creek Dr. Widening | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| I-71/Big Walnut Interchange | 10 | 42 | 52 |
| HSR I-71 Study | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| US-23 Corridor Study | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Total | 22 | 43 | 65 |

The majority of the comments received were in opposition to the Big Walnut and I-71 new interchange. Residents cited 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.

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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

Attachment A
Resolution T-3-21

Priorities for the 2021 TRAC Major/New Program Candidate Projects

| Rank | Sponsor - Project | Tier Request | 2021 TRAC Funding Request | Total Project Cost |
|-------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Far East Freeway Phases 2 & 3 | Tier I | \$38.4 million | \$144.2 million |
| 2 | HSR I-71 Study | Tier II | \$6 million | \$82.6 million |
| 3 | US23 Corridor Study | Tier II | \$2 million | \$1.2 billion |
| 4 | Far East I-70/SR256/Taylor Rd | Tier II | \$11.4 million | \$59.4 million |
| 5 | Alum Creek Drive Widening | Tier II | \$4.93 million | \$52.04 million |
| 6 | US23/I270 South Interchange | Tier I | \$14 million | \$28.43 million |
| 7 | US-33/Pickerington Rd./Allen Rd. New Interchange | Tier II | \$10 million | \$59.4 million |
| 8 | Broad St. Widening (Pataskala) | Tier I | \$12.14 million | \$15.18 million |
| 9 | I-71/Big Walnut New Interchange | Tier II | \$3 million | \$75 million |

FAR EAST FREEWAY: PHASES 2&3

PROJECT NAME: FRA-70-22.85

LAYMAN NAME: Far East Freeway, Phases 2&3

SUBMITTED BY: ODOT - District 6

ODOT PROJECT ID: 98232

MORPC MTP PROJECT: Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT: No

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$144.2 million

CURRENT TRAC STATUS: Tier II - Development

TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier I - Construction

2021 APPLICATION TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

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 SCHEDULE:

PLANNING STUDIES

4/1/2005 (Complete)

INTERCHANGE STUDIES

12/8/2016 (Complete)

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

6/30/2014 (Complete)

ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS

6/16/2015 (Complete)

DETAILED DESIGN

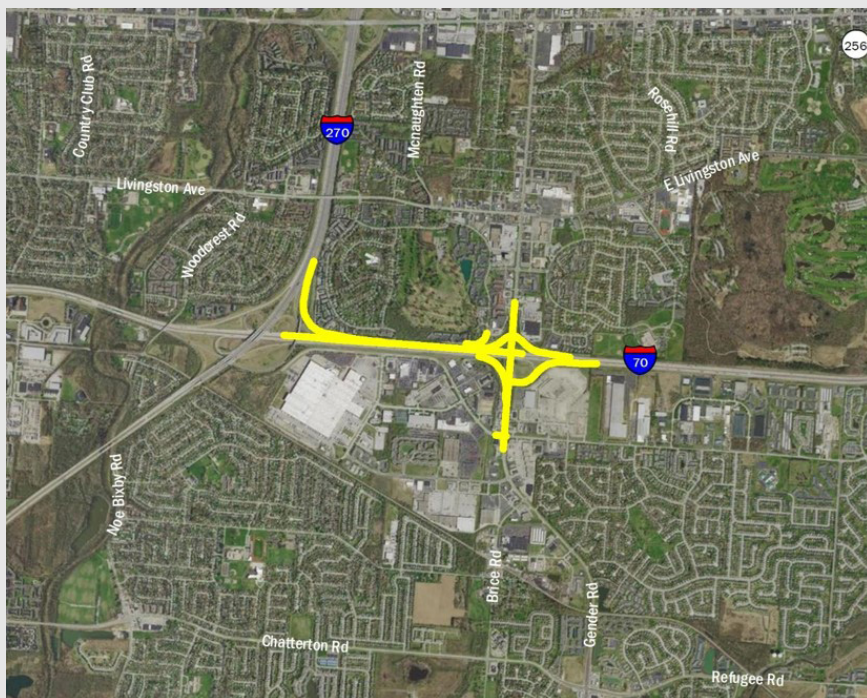
9/1/2023 (In Progress)

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

3/15/2023 (Not Started)

UTILITY RELOCATION

3/15/2023 (Not Started)



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HARD SHOULDER RUNNING I-71 STUDY

PROJECT NAME: FRA-71-HSR Feasibility Study

LAYMAN NAME: I-71 Hard Shoulder Running (HSR) Feasibility Study

SUBMITTED BY: ODOT - District 6

ODOT PROJECT ID: 110273

MORPC MTP PROJECT: Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT: No

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$82.6 million

CURRENT TRAC STATUS: New Project

TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier II - Development

2021 APPLICATION TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

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)



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US-23 CORRIDOR STUDY

PROJECT NAME: US-23 Corridor Study

LAYMAN NAME: US-23 Corridor Study

SUBMITTED BY: ODOT - Districts 2&6

ODOT PROJECT ID: 112768

MORPC MTP PROJECT: Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT: No

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1.2 billion

CURRENT TRAC STATUS: New Project

TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier II - Development

2021 APPLICATION TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

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)



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FAR EAST I-70 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT TAYLOR ROAD & SR-256

PROJECT NAME: FAI/LIC IR 70 0.00/0.00

LAYMAN NAME: Far East I-70 interchange improvements at Taylor Rd & SR-256

SUBMITTED BY: ODOT - District 5

ODOT PROJECT ID: 96808

MORPC MTP PROJECT: Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT: No

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$85 million

CURRENT TRAC STATUS: Tier III - Development & Multi-Phase Projects

TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier III - Development & Multi-Phase Projects

2021 APPLICATION TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

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.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

PLANNING STUDIES

4/1/2005 (Complete)

INTERCHANGE STUDIES

12/18/2016 (Complete)

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

7/30/2014 (Complete)

ENVIRONMENTAL/NEPA APPROVAL

10/31/2023 (Not Started)

DETAILED DESIGN

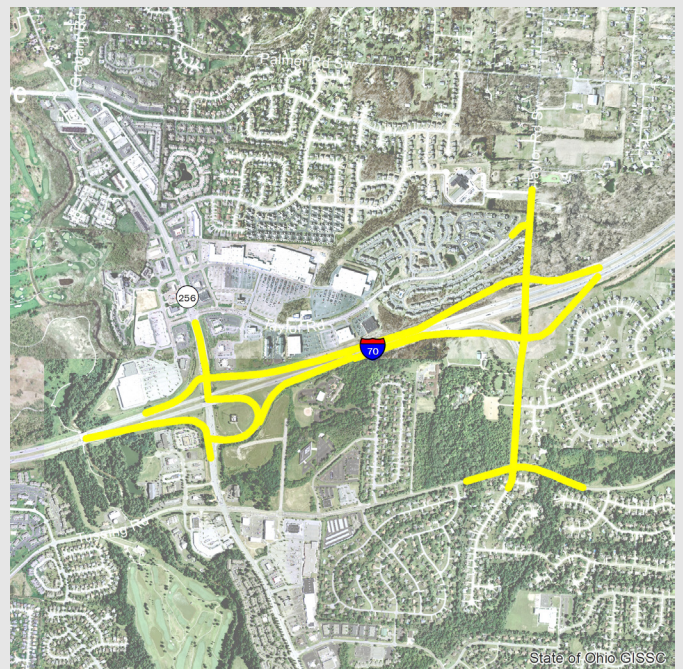
12/31/2024 (Not Started)

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

12/31/2024 (Not Started)

UTILITY RELOCATION

7/31/2025 (Not Started)



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PLANNING COMMISSION

ALUM CREEK DRIVE WIDENING (RICKENBACKER AREA)

PROJECT NAME: Alum Creek Dr. Widening

LAYMAN NAME: Alum Creek Drive Widening (SR 317 to Groveport Road)

SUBMITTED BY: The Franklin County Engineers Office

ODOT PROJECT ID: New Project (PID TBD)

MORPC MTP PROJECT: Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT: Yes

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$52.04 million

CURRENT TRAC STATUS: New Project

TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier II - Development

2021 APPLICATION TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

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

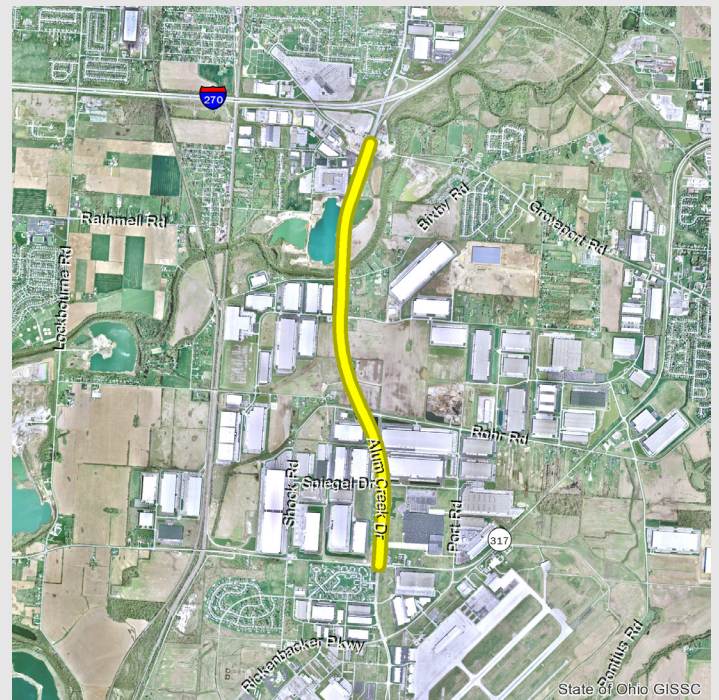
Not Started (TBD)

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

Not Started (TBD)

UTILITY RELOCATION

Not Started (TBD)



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PLANNING COMMISSION

I-270 & US-23 INTERCHANGE

PROJECT NAME: FRA-270-51.50

LAYMAN NAME: South outerbelt I-270 & US-23 Interchange

SUBMITTED BY: ODOT - District 6

ODOT PROJECT ID: 92616

MORPC MTP PROJECT: Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT: No

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$28.43 million

CURRENT TRAC STATUS: Tier II - Development

TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier I - Construction

2021 APPLICATION TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

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)



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
MORPC
PLANNING COMMISSION

US-33 AT PICKERINGTON ROAD & ALLEN ROAD

PROJECT NAME: FAI US 33 3.18

LAYMAN NAME: US 33 at Pickerington Road

SUBMITTED BY: ODOT - District 5

ODOT PROJECT ID: ODOT - District 5

MORPC MTP PROJECT: Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT: Yes

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$59.4 million

CURRENT TRAC STATUS: Tier II - Development

TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier II - Development

2021 APPLICATION TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

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)



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
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PLANNING COMMISSION

BROAD STREET WIDENING IN PATASKALA

PROJECT NAME: LIC-16-4.92 (Broad Street Widening)

LAYMAN NAME: Broad Street Widening - Pataskala

SUBMITTED BY: The City of Pataskala

ODOT PROJECT ID: New Project (PID TBD)

MORPC MTP PROJECT: Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT: No

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15.18 million

CURRENT TRAC STATUS: New Project

TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier I - Construction

2021 APPLICATION TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

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

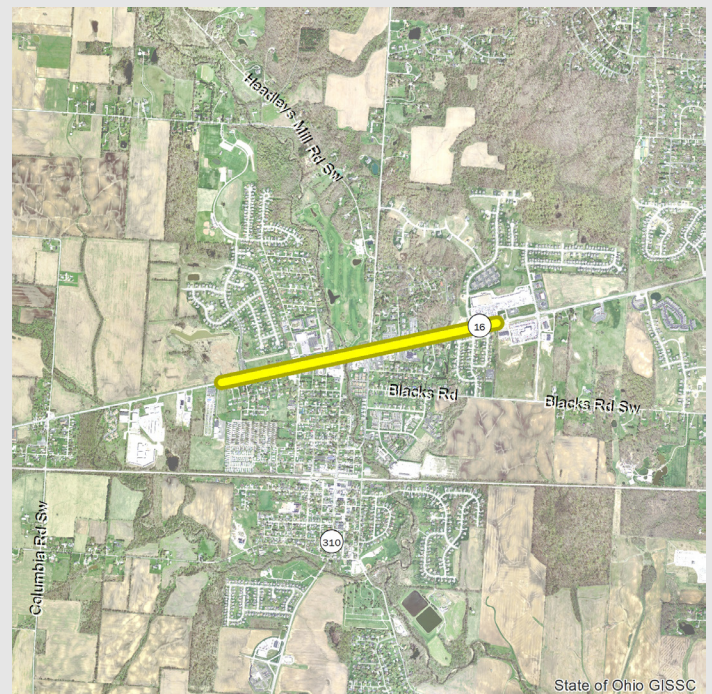
3/1/2023 (Not Started)

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

3/1/2024 (Not Started)

UTILITY RELOCATION

3/1/2025 (Not Started)



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
MORPC
PLANNING COMMISSION

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 APPLICATION TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Big Walnut Interchange project will construct a new interchange on Interstate 71 at Big Walnut Road in Delaware County. The new interchange includes an additional lane on I-71 northbound from exit 121 to the proposed Exit 124 and local road improvements in the vicinity of the new interchange.

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

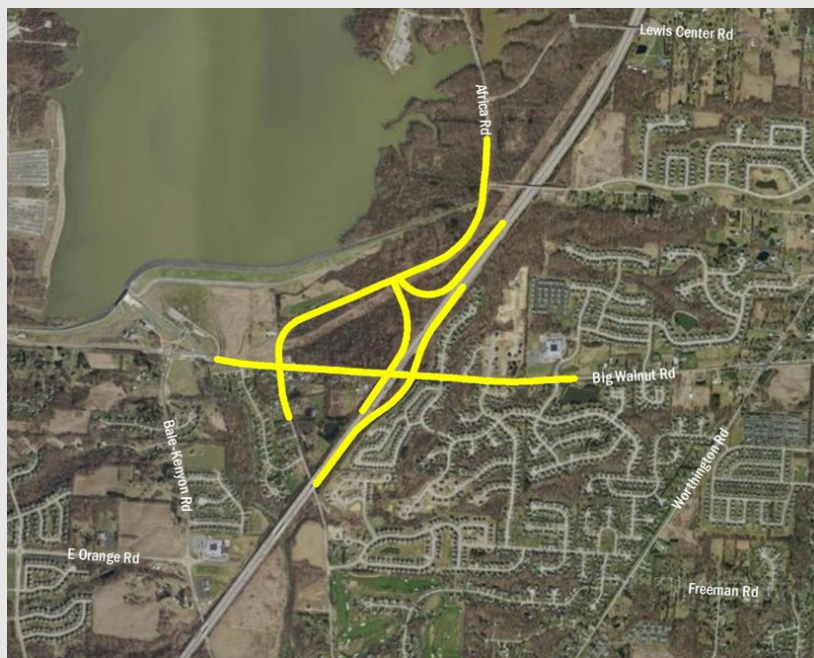
8/1/2024 (Not Started)

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

8/1/2025 (Not Started)

UTILITY RELOCATION

8/1/2026 (Not Started)



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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8, 2021
Time: 2:03 p.m.
Location: Video/Audio Conference

Transportation Policy Committee Members

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| Chris Amorose Groomes | Tom Homan | Hunter Rayfield |
| Mike Anderson | Melanie Houston | Bryan Rhoads |
| Karen Angelou | Matt Huffman | Ryan Rivers |
| Herb Asher | Pamela Hykes O'Grady | Cornell Robertson |
| Beth Beatty | Monica Irelan | Isaac Robinson |
| Stacey Boumis | Laurie Jadwin | Allen Rothermel |
| Ron Bullard | Erik Janas | Roby Schottke |
| Ben Collins | Benjamin King | Kim Sharp for Joanna Pinkerton |
| Michelle Crandall | Bill LaFayette | Cathy Sheets |
| Karl Craven | Greg Lestini | Alana Shockey |
| Tracie Davies | Glenn Marzluf | Thom Slack |
| Kristen Easterday | Dana McDaniel | Dan Sowry |
| Brad Ebersole | Rory McGuinness | Sloan Spaulding |
| Cindi Fitzpatrick | Bonnie Michael | Ike Stage |
| Alex Heckman | Megan O'Callaghan | Joe Stefanov |
| LaGrieta Holloway | Rob Peters | |

Commission Members

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| Thom Collier | David Henry | Andy Ware |
| Terry Emery | Eric Phillips | R.C. Wise |

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| Ted Geer | William Murdock | Brandi Whetstone |
| Nick Gill | Shari Saunders | Robert Williams |
| Ralonda Hampton | Aaron Schill | |
| Shawn Hufstедler | Bevan Schneck | |

Guests

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| MacKenzie Betts, ADAMH | Erika Clark Jones, ADAMH |
| Lori Duguid, ODOT District 6 | Kelly Scocco, City of Columbus |
| Mark Forrest, Madison County | Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter |
| Catherine Girves, Toole Design | |

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Karen Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Ewing, MORPC
Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director**
Thea Ewing reported staff is working to meet the deadlines of ODOT's accelerated Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) round this year. Applications have been

received and are being reviewed for prioritization. Ms. Ewing shared the [2021 ODOT TRAC Applications](#) that were received for the TRAC process in the region. Staff will prioritize them via goals in the MTP and seek Commission approval next month. Thirty-five applications were received requesting nearly \$475 million for development and construction. District 5 and LCATS presents to TRAC on May 18. District 6 and MORPC presents to TRAC on May 26.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Ike Stage made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Bill LaFayette; motion passed.

Competitive Advantage Projects – Ted Geer, MORPC Economic Development & Infrastructure Officer

Ted Geer gave a presentation on [Competitive Advantage Projects](#), a biannual strategic infrastructure prioritization process run in partnership with One Columbus. MORPC updates the list every two years with each new Congress and General Assembly. The final list includes 47 projects across 12 counties. Once the list is updated, the projects are advanced through advocacy and technical assistance. Project sheets and an interactive map showing the projects are available at www.morpc.org/CAP.

MORPC can supply letters of support for CAP and TRAC projects.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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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: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: May 7, 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 policies 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.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Karen J. Angelou
Chair

Erik J. Janas
Vice Chair

Chris Amorose Groomes
Secretary

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

| | Total (Millions) |
|---|------------------|
| Previous Commitments & Cost Increases | \$134 |
| New Commitments | \$78 |
| Total Recommended for Funding | \$212 |
| Total of Requests Not Recommended for Funding | \$146 |
| Total for All Requests | \$358 |

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

Resolution T-2-21 - Attachment 1 MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments

Previous Commitments

| Map ID | ODOT PID | Agency | Project Description | Construction SFY | Total 2022+ | SFY 2022 | SFY 2023 | SFY 2024 | SFY 2025 | SFY 2026/27^ | SFY 2028+ |
|----------|----------|----------------------|--|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 718 | 105732 | Columbus | Cassady Ave from CSX Railroad to north of E 7th Ave, Minor Widening | 2023* | \$8,067,878 | \$1,542,657 | | \$6,525,221 | | | |
| 875 | 105761 | Franklin County | Winchester Pike at Georges Creek, Bridge Replacement | 2023 | \$1,160,000 | | \$1,160,000 | | | | |
| 929 | 105734 | Columbus | E Broad St from I-270 to Outerbelt St, Major Widening | 2023* | \$9,861,590 | \$1,560,000 | | \$8,301,590 | | | |
| 1331 | 77370 | Columbus | I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 2D), Major Widening/Interchange Modification | Not Scheduled | \$64,574 | | | | | \$64,574 | |
| 1332 | 77371 | Columbus | I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 3), Interchange Modification/Major Widening | Not Scheduled | \$1,160,772 | | | | | \$1,160,772 | |
| 1453 | 80748 | Union County, Dublin | US 33 at SR 161/Post Rd (UNI-33-24.87), Interchange modification | 2022 | \$10,000,000 | \$10,000,000 | | | | | |
| 1946 | 88310 | Dublin | I-270 at US-33/SR-161, Interchange Modification | NA** | \$19,724,593 | \$1,152,649 | \$1,187,488 | \$1,223,380 | \$1,260,357 | \$2,636,148 | \$12,264,571 |
| 2874 | 96053 | Columbus | I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 4B), Interchange Modification/Major Widening | 2023 | \$2,775,118 | | \$2,775,118 | | | | |
| 2941 | 105799 | Delaware | Delaware Signal System Upgrade, Signals | 2022 | \$2,528,753 | \$2,528,753 | | | | | |
| 2951 | 99744 | Columbus | Refugee Road from Winchester Pike to Hamilton Road, Sidewalks | 2022 | \$3,334,514 | \$3,334,514 | | | | | |
| 3212 | 103626 | Delaware | US-36 & SR-37 from W of Foley St & E of East St to SR-521, Major Widening | 2023 | \$14,887,326 | | \$14,887,326 | | | | |
| 3253 | 105768 | Whitehall | E Broad St at Hamilton Rd, Intersection Modification | 2023 | \$6,377,977 | \$1,322,400 | \$5,055,577 | | | | |
| 3276 | 105739 | Delaware County | Red Bank Rd from Smothers Rd to Gorsuch Rd, Resurfacing | 2023 | \$848,016 | | \$848,016 | | | | |
| 3277 | 105741 | Franklin County | Agler Rd at Alum Creek, Bridge Replacement | 2022 | \$3,646,517 | \$3,646,517 | | | | | |
| 3278 | 105759 | Franklin County | Trabue Rd at Scioto River, Bridge Deck Replacement | 2022 | \$3,418,328 | \$3,418,328 | | | | | |
| 3280 | 105806 | Powell | Sawmill Pkwy from Seldom Seen Rd to Home Rd, Resurfacing | 2020** | \$1,133,800 | \$377,933 | \$377,933 | | | | |
| 3281 | 105816 | Upper Arlington | Fishinger Rd from Mountview Rd to Tremont Rd, Reconstruction | 2022* | \$4,211,427 | | \$4,211,427 | | | | |
| 3283 | 105736 | Columbus | Souder Ave from W Broad St to Dublin Rd, Multi-Use Path | 2023 | \$3,410,032 | | \$3,410,032 | | | | |
| 3295 | 105523 | Columbus | I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 4R), Major Widening/Interchange Modification | 2022 | \$4,035,328 | \$4,035,328 | | | | | |
| 3306 | 105588 | Columbus | I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 6R), Major Widening/Interchange Modification | 2022 | \$404,028 | \$404,028 | | | | | |
| 3307 | 105596 | Columbus | I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 4H), Interchange Modification/Major Widening | 2023 | \$1,254,476 | | \$1,254,476 | | | | |
| 3590 | 110521 | Columbus | Columbus Signal System, Phase F, Signalization | 2023* | \$10,771,751 | | | \$10,771,751 | | | |
| 3592 | NP | Columbus | Concrete Bus Pad Upgrades, , Reconstruction | 2025 | \$967,869 | | | | \$967,869 | | |
| 3593 | 113309 | Columbus | Traffic Signal Infrastructure Replacement, Maintenance Activity | 2023 | \$604,570 | \$82,500 | \$522,070 | | | | |
| 3594 | 111991 | Upper Arlington | Fishinger Rd from Riverside Dr. to 400 feet west of Mountview Rd, Reconstruction | 2023* | \$3,337,415 | | | \$3,337,415 | | | |
| 3595 | 112036 | Columbus | Olentangy Trail from Northmoor Park to Clinton Como Park, Multi-use path | 2023* | \$3,673,467 | | | \$3,673,467 | | | |
| 3818 | 112768 | MORPC | US 23 Corridor Study | NA | \$62,686 | \$62,686 | | | | | |
| 3836 | 114254 | Columbus | SR-161 at Parkville/Spring Run, Intersection modification | 2023 | \$968,800 | | \$968,800 | | | | |
| Multiple | Multiple | COTA | COTA Bus Replacements | NA | \$3,618,308 | \$3,618,308 | | | | | |
| Multiple | Multiple | MORPC | Paving the Way Program | NA | \$300,000 | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | \$100,000 | |
| Multiple | Multiple | MORPC | Air Quality Awareness, Air Quality Project | NA | \$3,300,000 | \$550,000 | \$550,000 | \$550,000 | \$550,000 | \$1,100,000 | |
| Multiple | Multiple | MORPC | insight2050, Technical Assistance Program | NA | \$1,500,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$500,000 | |
| Multiple | Multiple | MORPC | Gohio, Ridesharing | NA | \$4,200,000 | \$700,000 | \$700,000 | \$700,000 | \$700,000 | \$1,400,000 | |
| Multiple | Multiple | MORPC | Supplemental Planning, Planning Activity | NA | \$2,100,000 | \$350,000 | \$350,000 | \$350,000 | \$350,000 | \$700,000 | |
| Multiple | Multiple | MORPC | Misc TBD Planning Activities | NA | \$1,200,000 | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | \$400,000 | |

New Commitments

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------|---------------------|---|------|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| 102 | 98232 | Columbus | Brice Road, from Chantry Drive to south of Channingway Boulevard | 2026 | \$15,000,000 | | | | | \$15,000,000 | |
| 101 | NP | Columbus | E. Broad Street, Outerbelt Street to Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road | NA | \$1,360,000 | | | \$1,360,000 | | | |
| 108 | NP | Delaware County TID | DEL-TR114-01.93 Orange Road under CSX/NS Grade Separation | 2026 | \$7,366,590 | | | | | \$7,366,590 | |
| 209 | NP | Columbus | Dublin-Granville Road (SR-161), from Ambleside Drive to Maple Canyon Avenue | 2026 | \$10,974,716 | | | | \$1,480,000 | \$9,494,716 | |
| 206 | NP | Columbus | Sancus Boulevard, from Worthington Woods Boulevard to Lazelle Road | 2027 | \$7,980,202 | | | | \$1,147,932 | \$6,832,270 | |
| 208 | 115179 | Franklin County TID | SR 161 and Linworth Road Improvements | 2026 | \$7,138,600 | | | \$4,800,000 | | \$2,338,600 | |
| 211 | 105759 | Franklin County | Trabue Road (Lake Shore Drive to Riverside Drive) | 2024 | \$5,279,843 | | | \$5,279,843 | | | |
| 302 | NP | Columbus | Downtown Signals, Rich Street Signal Replacements | 2026 | \$1,659,026 | | \$72,000 | | | \$1,587,026 | |
| 303 | NP | Franklin County | East Cooke Road Phase 1 | 2026 | \$2,446,519 | | | \$440,000 | | \$2,006,519 | |
| 502 | NP | Columbus | Big Walnut Trail - Little Turtle to Cherrybottom Park/Alum Creek Trail | 2025 | \$4,330,901 | | | | \$4,330,901 | | |
| 402 | 112116 | COTA | Corridor Initiative - Project Development and Right-of-Way | NA | \$10,520,000 | \$3,000,000 | | | | \$7,520,000 | |
| 405 | 114757 | COTA | Rickenbacker Area Mobility Center | 2022 | \$3,375,000 | \$3,375,000 | | | | | |

^Funding is SFY 2026/27 is not identified for a specific year. A specific year will be established when project updates are received and reviewed during the 2022 cycle

*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.

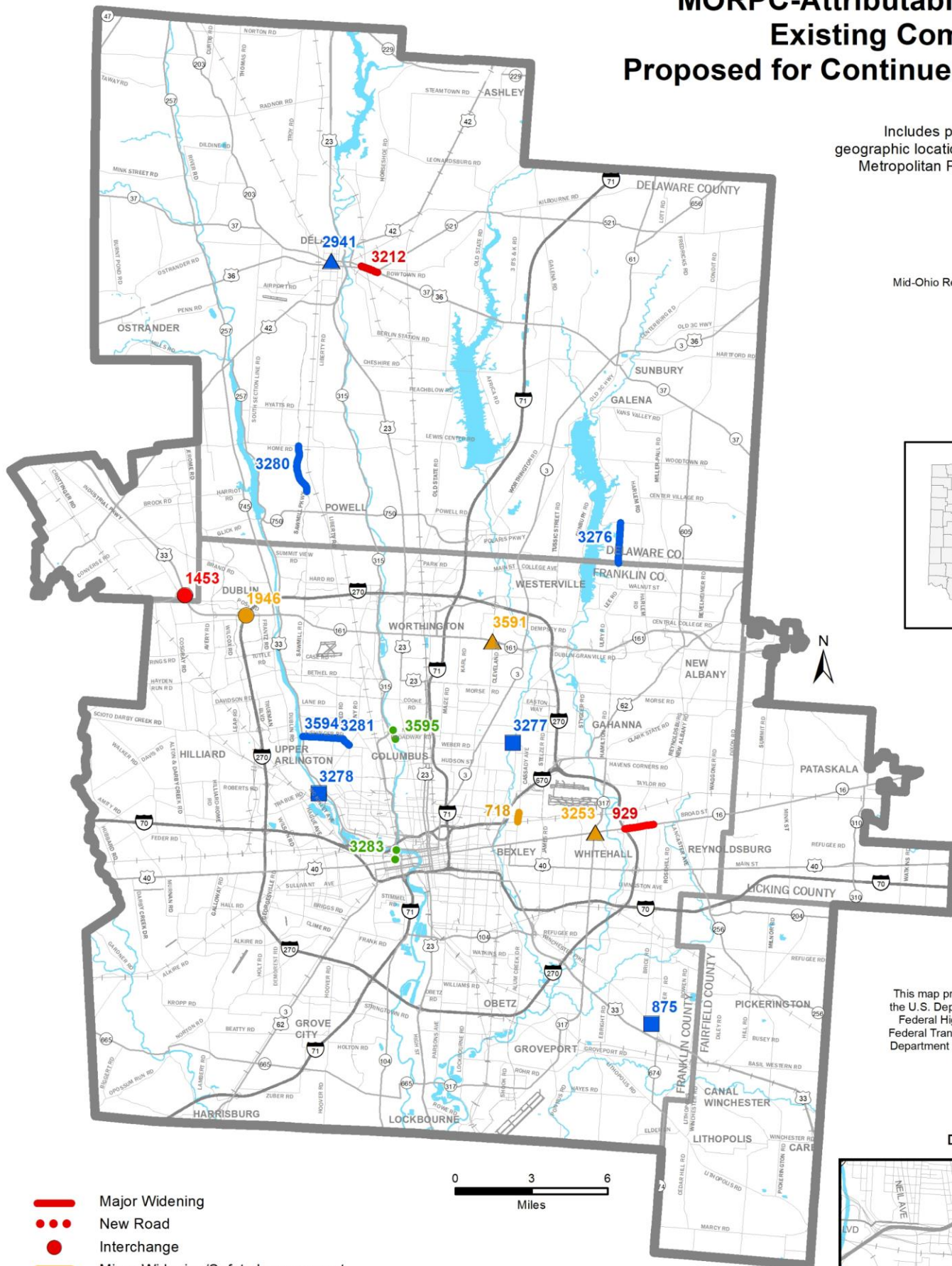
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Includes projects with a defined geographic location within the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization

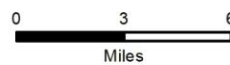
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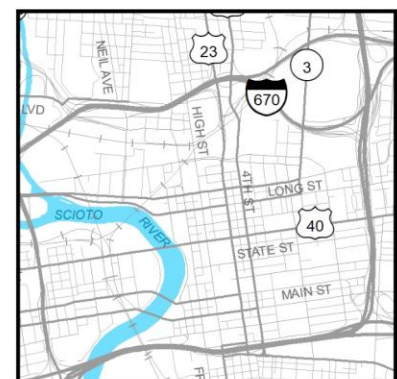


- Major Widening
- New Road
- Interchange
- Minor Widening/Safety Improvement
- ▲ Intersection Modification
- Maintenance/Resurfacing
- Bridge Repair/Replacement
- Bikeway/Sidewalk/Transit
- Streetscape/Study/Other
- Planning Area

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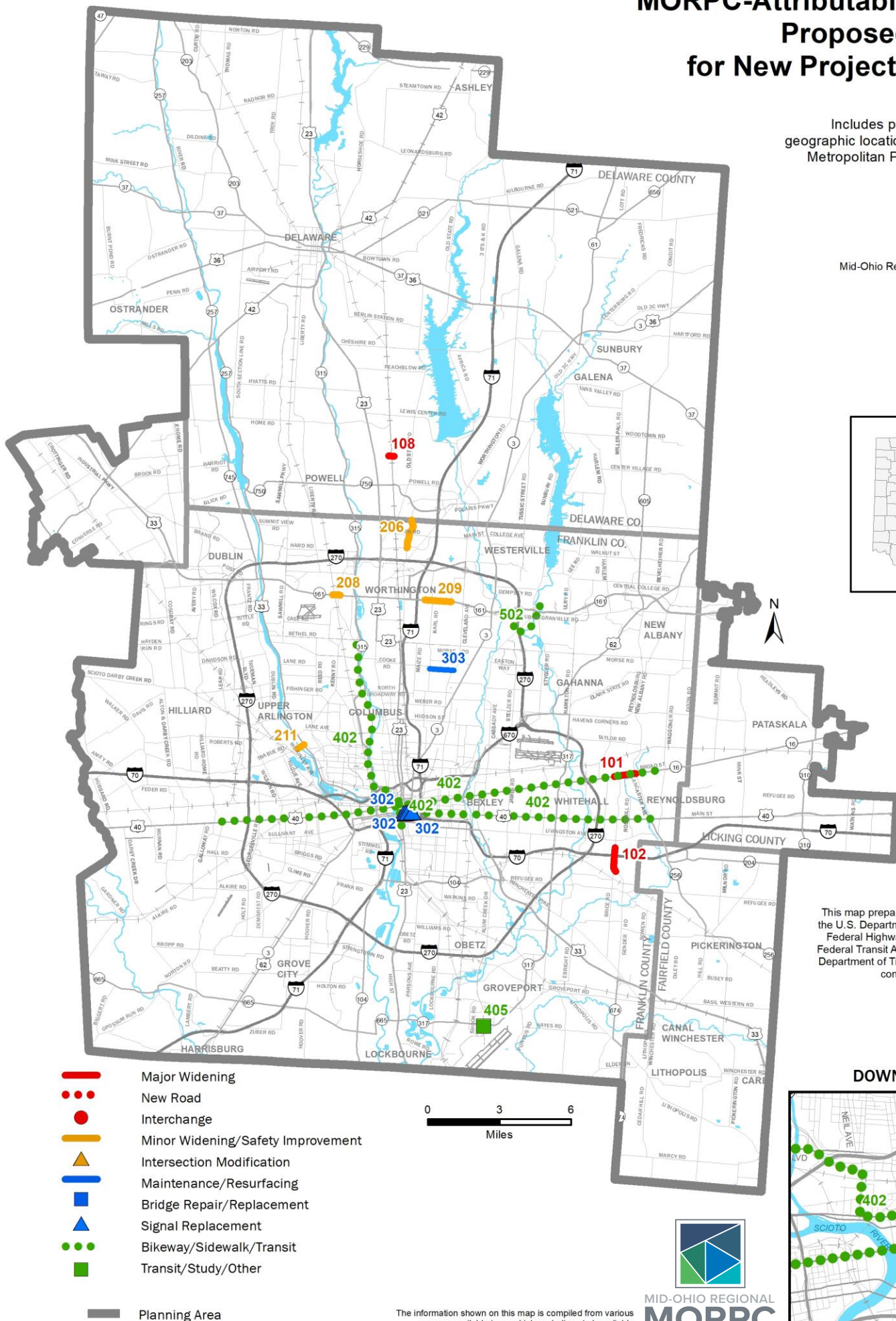
MORPC-Attributable Funding Proposed Funding for New Project Requests

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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: May 7, 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) **\$6,656,953**

\$5,833,356 is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2022 or subsequent years.

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

Total Budget \$3,328,541

\$370,000 spent prior to SFY 2022 **Balance for SFY 2022 or later is \$2,958,541**

| WORK ELEMENT | PROJECT DESCRIPTION |
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BUDGET

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| 60111-1000 \$420,000 * \$50,000 remaining Carryover work element from SFY 21 | Active Transportation Planning-FY21 MORPC assists local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. More specifically, this activity works to maintain the regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian- and bicycle related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, coordinate and assist with safety education, work on specific projects, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts. <u>Products/Activities</u> Planning assistance Active Transportation Plan Non-motorized system monitoring Complete Streets Outreach and Implementation Conduct special studies and projects related to active transportation Education |
| 60112-1000 \$420,000 | Active Transportation Planning MORPC assists local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. More specifically, this activity works to maintain the regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian- and bicycle-related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, coordinate and assist with safety education, work on specific projects, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts. <u>Products/Activities</u> Planning assistance Active Transportation Plan Non-motorized system monitoring Complete Streets Outreach and Implementation Conduct special studies and projects related to active transportation Education |
| 60122-3000 \$175,000 | Management & Operations Planning Managing and maintaining the extensive existing transportation system is a priority of transportation agencies. This work element coordinates on the benefits of a holistically managed transportation system. Helping members collaborate on M&O, advancing ITS including connected infrastructure and CV/AV, access management, estimating costs to maintain the condition of the transportation system including pavement management and deficient bridges, etc., and incorporating security and emergency response into the planning process. Monitoring freight rail activities and analyzing for developing trends; meeting one-on-one with communities that are impacted by freight; and providing timely information via the web. Monitoring goods movement-related legislation and other regional freight initiatives. <u>Products/Activities</u> Condition report of highway system and resources Access Management Maintain Regional ITS Architecture |

* Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

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| | Participation and education on freight initiatives Transportation security assistance |
| 60132-1000 \$125,000 | Safety Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> Regional crash data analysis Regional Safety Education Member assistance Participation in local and state safety committees Project Evaluation Special projects and studies |
| 60152-3000 \$75,000 | Transit and Human Services Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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 \$275,000 | Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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 \$445,000 | Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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

60522-2000

\$400,000

Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs

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

60552-3000

\$280,000

Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications

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

61012-3000

\$290,000

Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

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

61022-0400

\$118,541

Transportation Public Involvement

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

Public Involvement for Miscellaneous Transportation Activities

62512-1000

\$200,000

Planning Coordination and Support

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

69712-3000

\$105,000

Program Administration

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

** Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021*

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

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

| WORK ELEMENT | PROJECT DESCRIPTION |
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BUDGET

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| 66507-1000 \$200,000 * \$25,000 remaining 100% MORPC STBG with Toll Credit | Central Ohio Greenways Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> Trail Planning & Mapping Trail Assistance Funding Guidance Outreach & Storytelling |
| 66522-3000 \$500,000 ^ 100% MORPC STBG with Toll Credit | LinkUS Regional Corridors Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> Outreach, Education & Engagement High Capacity Transit Planning Transit Oriented Development Planning Corridor Funding Strategies |
| 66542-0400 \$50,000 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit | Paving The Way 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> Project Coordination Communications and Outreach |
| 66562-3000 \$350,000 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit | Supplemental Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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 |

*** Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021**

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

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

66572-1000

\$250,000

100% MORPC STBG
using toll credit

Technical Assistance Program

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

67410-3000

\$222,368

* \$93,771 remaining
100% FTA 5310
Administration 10% of
Apportionment

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

67412-3000

\$116,044

100% FTA 5310
Administration 10% of
Apportionment

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

67420-3000

\$260,000

* \$110,000 remaining
80% FTA 5310, 20%
local

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

* Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

67422-3000

\$130,000

100% FTA 5310, 0%
local per COVID-19 Relief

Mobility Management 2022

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

** Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021*

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

Total Budget \$1,250,000

| WORK ELEMENT BUDGET | PROJECT DESCRIPTION |
|------------------------|---------------------|
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66712-3000

\$700,000

100% MORPC CMAQ

Transportation Services (Ridesharing)

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.

Products/Activities

Promote a culture of sustainable and smart multimodal travel throughout Central Ohio. Public education and ridematching services

Raise public awareness about mobility options in the region. Increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance to improve air quality

National Transit Database reporting

Program evaluation, strategic plan and telework policy

Promote TDM services in diverse and underserved populations

66732-1000

\$550,000

100% MORPC CMAQ

Air Quality Awareness

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.

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

* Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget \$0

| WORK ELEMENT BUDGET | PROJECT DESCRIPTION |
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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|

66505-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing Local Planning

Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget.

Products/Activities

Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes

67401-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing COTA Activities

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.

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

\$0

No funding

Ongoing DCT Activities

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.

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

* Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

“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;
- (7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37 and 38;
- (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.



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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8, 2021
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Video/Audio Conference

Commission Members

Chris Amorose Groomes
Mike Anderson
Karen Angelou
Joe Antram
Herb Asher
Beth Beatty
Joe Begeny
Stacey Boumis
Ron Bullard
Franklin Christman
Thom Collier
Ben Collins
Michelle Crandall
Karl Craven
Tracie Davies
Brad Ebersole
Terry Emery
Cindi Fitzpatrick

Bill Habig
Tim Hansley
Alex Heckman
David Henry
Tom Homan
Melanie Houston
Matt Huffman
Pamela Hykes O'Grady
Monica Irelan
Laurie Jadwin
Erik Janas
Benjamin King
Bill LaFayette
Greg Lestini
Glenn Marzluf
Dana McDaniel
Rory McGuiness
Bonnie Michael

Megan O'Callaghan
Rob Peters
Eric Phillips
Hunter Rayfield
Bryan Rhoads
Ryan Rivers
Cornell Robertson
Allen Rothermel
David Scheffler
Chris Schmenk
Roby Schottke
Alana Shockey
Sloan Spaulding
Ike Stage
Joe Stefanov
Andy Ware
R.C. Wise

Transportation Policy Committee Members

Kristen Easterday
LaGrieta Holloway
Isaac Robinson

Kim Sharp for
Joanna Pinkerton
Cathy Sheets

Thom Slack
Dan Sowry

MORPC Staff

Kerstin Carr
Thea Ewing
Mary Ann Frantz
Joe Garrity
Ted Geer
Nick Gill
Ralonda Hampton
Shawn Hufstedler

Niel Jurist
Lynn Kaufman
Eileen Leuby
Amanda McEldowney
William Murdock
Shari Saunders
Aaron Schill
Bevan Schneck

Brian Shang
Melissa Sharp
Hosana Tekie
Susan Tsen
Brandi Whetstone
Robert Williams

Guests Present

MacKenzie Betts, ADAMH
Lori Duguid, ODOT District 6
Mark Forrest, Madison County
Catherine Girves, Toole Design

Erika Clark Jones, ADAMH
Kelly Scocco, City of Columbus
Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Meeting Called to Order – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

Chair Karen Angelou called the Commission meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Angelou congratulated MORPC Staff on the success of the first virtual State of the Region. Over 1,100 people have viewed the event to date.

Nominating Committee Report – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Secretary

Chris Amorose Groomes reported the work of the Nominating Committee is complete. The Committee recommends all Executive Committee Members remain in their same position. There are no changes to the recommendations included in the meeting packet. The recommendations are:

- Nominees for Officers for renewed one-year Officer Terms (expires 2022)
 - Chair: Karen Angelou, Council Member, City of Gahanna
 - Vice-Chair: Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
 - Secretary: Chris Amorose Groomes, Mayor, City of Dublin
- Nominees for Executive Committee
 - Renewal of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2022)
 - Joe Stefanov, Chair of Building Committee, City Manager, City of New Albany
 - Karen Angelou, Chair of MORPC, Council Member, City of Gahanna
 - Kim Maggard, Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, Mayor, City of Whitehall
 - Renewal of two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2023)
 - Jennifer Gallagher, Director, Department of Public Service, City of Columbus
 - Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
 - Jeff Benton, Commissioner, Delaware County
 - Nancy White, Administrator, Mifflin Township

Election of Officers and Executive Committee – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

Chair Angelou opened the floor for nominations; no nominations were made. Laurie Jadwin made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee recommendations, second by Joe Stefanov; motion passed.

Recognition of Guests – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Eileen Leuby welcomed guests Kelly Scocco, City of Columbus and MacKenzie Betts, ADAMH.

One MORPC One Voice: Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County – Erika Clark Jones, ADAMH Board of Franklin County CEO

Erika Clark Jones presented an [ADAMH Update](#). ADAMH does not deliver direct service. They are entrusted with planning, funding, and evaluating the behavioral health safety net for Franklin County. They contract with 33 local community-based agencies to provide mental health and addiction services.

Before the pandemic, ADAMH was expecting a 23 percent increase in demand for mental health and substance use services over the next 20 years. According to the National Center for Health Statistics and the Census Bureau, one-third of Americans now show signs of anxiety, depression or both. The Ohio Department of Health reported a 49 percent increase in overdose deaths from January through October 2020 compared to 2019. We are facing a double pandemic with the acknowledgement of racism as a public health crisis. COVID-19 has illuminated the disparities in our community.

ADAMH has expanded their outreach program to connect with people in places other than hospitals. They are building a more equitable system of care using results from a comprehensive community needs assessment that will inform their strategic planning process.

The assessment indicated they need to address the barriers to care. Last June the ADAMH Board passed a resolution identifying racism as a public health crisis and committed to make changes to the behavioral health system in Franklin County. ADAMH is developing a new crisis center that will be the central and primary destination in Franklin County for mental health and addiction crisis needs. It will offer a no wrong door philosophy to ensure that anyone who arrives at the center receives services.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

William Murdock thanked Erika Clark Jones for speaking today. Mr. Murdock congratulated the Executive Committee Members and Officers for being elected to the board again. He thanked them for serving another year.

Mr. Murdock thanked all those who were part of this year's State of the Region. He is proud of the MORPC Team making a virtual event possible this year. He expressed his appreciation of Amanda McElDowney, Niel Jurist, Bevan Schneck, Eileen Leuby, Hannah Schumick, Kerstin Carr and everyone who had a hand in making the event possible. Mr. Murdock congratulated award winners: City of Whitehall Mayor Kim Maggard, Trudy Bartley from Ohio State, and our local health districts. The event video is available [online](#). Niel Jurist thanked everyone for their support and reported approximately 540 people registered for the event. Since the video was posted, we have had 1,100 views. Ms. Jurist thanked her team. Mr. Murdock asked State of the Region attendees to complete the survey that was sent.

Mr. Murdock reported MORPC's housing work continues. We recently focused on national partners who are a little further ahead in this work such as Washington, Atlanta, Houston, and Boston. We held a peer exchange with them regarding how to work with local governments on housing affordability, the supply issue, and working with the private sector to move projects quicker.

Due to the latest health orders, MORPC office staff continues to work remotely. We do have people in the field serving low-income homes. We are in the process of transitioning back to in-person work over the coming months. Due to the Governor's health orders, there will be no committee, board or working group meetings at MORPC until at least June 30. Our goal is to be ready to go as soon as it is safe for larger groups. MORPC's community calls on COVID have concluded and are integrated with the Franklin County Township Association and COMMA meetings.

There is a special session on the American Rescue Plan on April 20. The session will cover how communities can use the funds, not just for recovery or filling last year's deficit, but also for broadband and how to work collaboratively with this. Mr. Murdock thanked Tom Homan for the idea for this session.

MORPC's office renovation is in the final phase. We are applying lessons from the pandemic so every meeting can be remote if needed. We are working on a virtual tour.

The next session of the Strategic Framework is April 23 and is on resources to MORPC's members.

Mr. Murdock provided more information on the new partnership with the Easton Foundation announced at the State of the Region. It will help support interns (fellows) in paid summer

positions. This year they are focusing on trail work and how it can build on RAPID 5 and equity work. The Easton Foundation and Ohio State are paying half of the interns' wages.

Mr. Murdock reported MORPC shared over 25 community letters of support with Amtrak. The strong show of support came from communities as far away as Gary, Mansfield, Springfield, Dayton, Pittsburgh and Lima as well as suburban partners. The latest iteration of the national map has one Columbus line. Next steps include talking to Amtrak and other potential rail partners about the economic impact. Mr. Murdock thanked Thea Ewing and Joe Garrity for moving this forward.

The Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition continues to meet. We are learning lessons to extend to counties outside Franklin. The coalition is a group of 42 nonprofit and community leaders and businesses in Franklin County focused on broadband and digital literacy. The coalition is accepting additional partners. Let Aaron Schill or Mr. Murdock know if you are aware of a corporate or nonprofit partner that should be involved.

April is Diversity Month. The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Training, in partnership with YWCA Columbus is filling up. Dates are:

- Tuesday, April 20, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 29, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, May 6, 2 p.m.

Mr. Murdock reminded members that being a MORPC member entitles them to a discount on additional training or services.

MORPC's partnership with Ohio University on the Voinovich Academy for Governing Essentials for Elected Officials continues. The course is designed for newly elected officials or those seeking a refresher and begins May 5.

Upcoming events:

- Mid-Ohio Finance Administrators (MOFA) – April 28, 12 p.m. – State and Local Policy that Impacts Local Governments
- Ohio Conference on Freight – May 21-22 – www.ohioconferenceonfreight.com

Committees

Transportation Policy Committee – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

Chair Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:03 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:23 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

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

Mark Forrest reported CORPO Staff and Madison County Engineer Staff are developing a Thoroughfare Plan for Madison County with hopes to have the draft plan out for review by this summer. CORPO and stakeholders in Knox County are collecting data and creating a working group to meet in April for the Knox/Morrow Freeway Study.

Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Morrow and Union Counties held CORPO Subcommittee Meetings in March. The next CORPO meeting is May 3.

CORPO is serving as technical advisors on the 33 Corridor Plan. Members are reviewing the draft FY22 Planning Work Program (PWP).

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director

Aaron Schill presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) reviewed the 2019-2020 Regional Data Agenda. There were 61 individual action items under five overall goals in the 2019-2020 Regional Data Agenda. We completed or started 61 percent of those items. Work began on the 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda in October 2020. RDAC approved the updated agenda on March 2. The updated agenda, which is on today's consent agenda, includes a new goal specific to digital equity and broadband infrastructure.

The Census apportionment counts which determine Electoral College representation will be delivered by April 30. State districting data is now anticipated to be available by September 30. No delivery date for the decennial census products. 2020 census geographies data is available on the Census site. MORPC has downloaded that information and is happy to share. There are a few proposed changes to how metropolitan areas are designated. The proposed change for the minimum threshold for what would qualify as a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is to change from 50,000 minimum population to 100,000 minimum population. That will not affect the Columbus MSA but will affect a couple smaller Ohio MSA's. They would be considered micropolitan statistical areas instead. Another change the Census Bureau is proposing is to use household density to determine urban areas in addition to population density. The bureau is also proposing to raise the threshold for population density for urban areas from 4,000 residents per square mile to 10,000 residents per square mile.

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

Ben Collins presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). The next Roundtable meeting is April 27. Franklin SWCD Director Jennifer Fish will provide a member update. On April 20, MORPC is hosting a session on the American Rescue Plan and how members can further utilize federal dollars for critical projects in the region.

- **Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs & Strategic Initiatives**

Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity gave the legislative update highlighting the following:

- American Jobs Plan - \$2.3 trillion
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization – due end of September
- Congressional Earmarks
- American Rescue Plan - \$1.9 trillion
- State Transportation Budget
- State Operating Budget
- Municipal Income Tax
- Central Ohio Defense Group – Intergovernmental Support Agreements
- HB 197

See the [April 2021 Monthly Legislative Update](#) for other legislative news.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC Sustainability Officer

Brandi Whetstone presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). Stakeholder input and the engagement process were just completed on updating the Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA). The RSA will be presented for adoption to the Sustainability Advisory Committee April 21 and to the Commission in May or June.

Air Quality Awareness Week is May 3-7 with the theme “Healthy Air- Important for Everyone”. MORPC is partnering again with other MPO’s in Ohio to coordinate on common messaging for a week-long educational social media campaign. Ms. Whetstone recognized the City of Gahanna for passing a resolution recognizing Air Quality Awareness Week. If you are interested in passing a similar resolution, contact Brooke White for a model resolution.

Sustainable2050 met March 19 focusing on energy and featuring the SWACO solar energy facility. MORPC is partnering with the OSU City and Regional Planning Sustainability Studio to offer a new technical assistance pilot for Sustainable2050 members. Previous work from this graduate level class includes the Grove City Sustainability Plan. Sustainable2050 members were provided with eligibility requirements and a link to submit their proposals.

Earth Day is April 22. Visit earthdaycolumbus.org for volunteer opportunities.

- **RAPID 5 Project – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Sustainability Director**
In the interest of time, Kerstin Carr will provide the RAPID 5 Project update next month.

Commission Consent Agenda

The visioning process and community outreach in Proposed Resolution 04-21 has to do with the RAPID 5 project.

Tom Homan made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Karen Angelou; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Thea Ewing, Director
Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: May 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 05-21: **“Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”**

Annually, MORPC submits an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for planning funds to continue the metropolitan planning program, as currently defined by the FAST Act. Some of these funds are allocated to MORPC on a “formula” basis, and others are allocated at the discretion of MORPC and other agencies. The appropriate portions of the grants and the local shares are included in the agency budget for 2021.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 (begins July 1, 2021), MORPC is requesting \$2,326,833 of new combined Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds, and \$290,854 of new ODOT matching funds. The MORPC local share for these grants is \$290,854. These are the “formula” funds supporting the base transportation planning.

Historically, MORPC has encouraged ridesharing and vanpools. In SFY 2022 MORPC will be using \$700,000 of MORPC Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the ridesharing program.

Other discretionary special projects include \$350,000 in MORPC STBG funds for Supplemental Planning that will include seven activities:

1. Project Expedition SFY 2022 – Augment the efforts of the TIP project to ensure the timely completion of projects funded with MORPC-attributable funds.
2. Traffic Monitoring – Augment traffic counts received from local governments by taking traffic counts, including bike and pedestrian counts, at other key locations to maintain the regional model and for other purposes. Also, enhance availability of data on the MORPC website.
3. Data Products and Services – This includes soliciting services and data products that supplement Work Elements 60512-2000 and 60522-2000 (transportation data-related elements).

It includes technical tools and services for promoting data sharing and availability and supporting the Regional Data Advisory Committee.

4. Assistance to Members – Provides planning data, travel demand forecasting, and transportation analysis assistance to members upon request for studies conducted by or for local governments.
5. Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) support - Resources for staff working on RSTI.
6. Conduct resiliency research and planning to prepare the transportation system for a changing climate.
7. Coordinate with other regional activities such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda activities that further the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Goals.

As Central Ohio is designated a “maintenance” area for ozone and for fine particulate matter, MORPC will continue its planning and education efforts for air quality. \$550,000 of CMAQ funding will be used for Work Element 66732-8000 for FY 2022.

In FY 2015, a new special project work element was included to administer the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. MORPC as the designated recipient will receive an annual allocation from FTA for staff administration. From FY 2021 approximately \$94,000 remains and will be carried forward into FY 2022. The FY 2022 funds will be \$116,044 and are included in Work Element 67412-3000.


In FY 2020, a new special project work element was included to allow MORPC to utilize FTA Section 5310 funding to provide Mobility Manager support throughout central Ohio. This was continued in FY 2021. From FY 2021 approximately \$110,000 remains and will be carried forward into FY 2022. The FY 2022 funds will be \$130,000 and are included in Work Element 67422-3000.

In FY 2018 MORPC assumed management of the Paving The Way program which had previously been managed by the City of Columbus through an allocation of MORPC STBG funds. MORPC will continue the Paving The Way program through Work Element 66542-0400 in FY 2022 using \$50,000 of STBG funds.

MORPC will continue the Technical Assistance Program to assist local governments to implement the principles of insight2050 through Work Element 66572-1000 in FY 2022 using \$250,000 of STBG funds.

In the FY 2022 PWP MORPC will begin a new work element, 66522-3000, to provide support to the LinkUS corridor planning initiative to assist LinkUS partners in the planning and project development needed to implement high-capacity transit corridors. This will use \$500,000 of STBG funds.

In total, including other special projects that began in previous MORPC Planning Work Programs (PWPs) and were addressed in previous resolutions, transportation-funded elements of MORPC have remaining funds totaling approximately \$5,833,356. A portion may be carried over into SFY 2023. The use of these funds is outlined in the SFY 2022 MORPC PWP that reflects comments from ODOT and FHWA. Attached to Resolution 05-21 is a summary of the draft SFY 2022 MORPC PWP expected to be approved by the Transportation Policy Committee under Resolution T-4-21.



The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) has been created as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) and is staffed by MORPC. \$160,748 in ODOT federal and state funds are being requested to continue the CORPO (plus \$17,861 of new local matching funds). A PWP for CORPO has also been developed with the work elements included as an attachment to Resolution 05-21.

Resolution 05-21 authorizes the executive director to submit and execute any required grant applications and related agreements including the biennial agreements with ODOT for the MORPC and CORPO transportation planning areas. The resolution also ensures MORPC's compliance with the civil rights statutes required for receipt of federal funds.

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Attachment: Resolution 05-21



RESOLUTION 05-21

“Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is authorized to make grants for transportation planning funds consistent with Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act); and

WHEREAS, these funds are administered in Ohio by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); and

WHEREAS, the contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the transportation planning process is also required to be in compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA); and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. DOT, that in connection with filing applications for assistance, MORPC gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. DOT requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has established procedures for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, and it is the goal of MORPC, within the requirements of U.S. DOT and ODOT, that DBEs be utilized to the maximum extent feasible when procuring equipment, supplies, and services; and

WHEREAS, to do some of the projects in the State Fiscal Year 2022 MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) PWP, it will be necessary to secure matching funds from other agencies and to subcontract work or make purchases per the estimated amounts shown in the attachment; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to file applications with and execute grant agreements on behalf of MORPC with U.S. DOT and ODOT, to aid in financing technical studies and other transportation-related activities.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with ODOT to implement 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. §1607, as may be amended, in the Columbus metropolitan planning area, including designation of MORPC as the metropolitan planning organization responsible for conducting the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive urban transportation planning process.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with ODOT to conduct transportation planning for the CORPO

including designation of MORPC as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for conducting the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process.

Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to enter into ongoing agreements of cooperation with the counties, incorporated municipalities, and other entities and special districts within the areas for carrying forward the transportation planning process consistent with FAST Act and CAAA.

Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance or any other document required by the U.S. DOT, effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including amendments.

Section 6. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the application for the PWP.

Section 7. That the executive director is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.

Section 8. That the following estimated funding be requested from ODOT:

- a. \$2,326,833 of new combined FHWA PL and FTA Section 5303 funding (plus \$290,854 of new MORPC and ODOT matching funds each).
- b. \$160,748 in ODOT federal and state funds to continue the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (plus \$17,861 of new local matching funds).
- c. \$700,000 of MORPC CMAQ funds to support MORPC vanpool and rideshare matching program.
- d. \$550,000 in MORPC CMAQ funds for air quality awareness program.
- e. \$350,000 in MORPC STBG funds for seven activities.
- g. \$250,000 in MORPC STBG funds for insight2050 Technical Assistance Program.
- h. \$500,000 in MORPC STBG funds for LinkUS Corridor planning.
- i. \$116,044 in FTA Section 5310 funding for program administration.
- j. \$130,000 in FTA Section 5310 funding for the Mobility Manager functions.

- Section 9. That previously approved projects and activities, with remaining budgets totaling approximately \$278,771 in various federal, ODOT, and local funds, be authorized to continue.
- Section 10. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements with these or other funding agencies and with any subcontractors or vendors necessary to undertake any of the activities identified in the State Fiscal Year 2022 PWP for amounts that have been included in the approved budget of the agency.
- Section 11. That the executive director is authorized, if required, to approve one or more extensions of time for performance of services for any of the agreements described in this resolution and to receive funds or issue change orders not to exceed 25 percent of the original total of the agreement amounts without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 12. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 13. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: May 13, 2021
Submitted by: Thea Ewing, Director of Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Prepared by: Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For Action Date: May 13, 2021

Attachment A: List of Activities to be Subcontracted

Attachment B: Summary of State Fiscal Year 2022 MORPC Planning Work Program

Attachment C: State Fiscal Year 2022 CORPO Planning Work Program Work Elements

List of activities to be subcontracted:

1. Gohio Commute marketing/advertising/vanpool subsidies/ride-matching software – Approximately \$40,000 is budgeted for miscellaneous printing, marketing and advertising to multiple vendors, \$31,000 for vanpool subsidies to various vanpool providers, and \$10,000 for ride-matching software (MORPC part, other MPOs also participating in a shared services arrangement).
2. Air Quality Awareness marketing/advertising – During SFY 2022, approximately \$25,000 is budgeted for air quality-related printing, travel, outreach, marketing and advertising to multiple vendors. An additional \$80,000 is budgeted for ozone and particulate forecasting services.
3. Up to \$44,000 is subcontracted for traffic counting services.

All other funds received and contracts to be let were or will be addressed by other resolutions, if required.

SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2022 MORPC PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Notes on Listing

Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2022) **\$6,656,953**

\$5,833,356 is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2022 or subsequent years.

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

Total Budget \$3,328,541

\$370,000 spent prior to SFY 2022 **Balance for SFY 2022 or later is \$2,958,541**

| WORK ELEMENT | PROJECT DESCRIPTION |
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BUDGET

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| 60111-1000 \$420,000 * \$50,000 remaining Carryover work element from SFY 21 | Active Transportation Planning-FY21 MORPC assists local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. More specifically, this activity works to maintain the regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian- and bicycle related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, coordinate and assist with safety education, work on specific projects, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts. <u>Products/Activities</u> Planning assistance Active Transportation Plan Non-motorized system monitoring Complete Streets Outreach and Implementation Conduct special studies and projects related to active transportation Education |
| 60112-1000 \$420,000 | Active Transportation Planning MORPC assists local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. More specifically, this activity works to maintain the regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian- and bicycle-related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, coordinate and assist with safety education, work on specific projects, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts. <u>Products/Activities</u> Planning assistance Active Transportation Plan Non-motorized system monitoring Complete Streets Outreach and Implementation Conduct special studies and projects related to active transportation Education |
| 60122-3000 \$175,000 | Management & Operations Planning Managing and maintaining the extensive existing transportation system is a priority of transportation agencies. This work element coordinates on the benefits of a holistically managed transportation system. Helping members collaborate on M&O, advancing ITS including connected infrastructure and CV/AV, access management, estimating costs to maintain the condition of the transportation system including pavement management and deficient bridges, etc., and incorporating security and emergency response into the planning process. Monitoring freight rail activities and analyzing for developing trends; meeting one-on-one with communities that are impacted by freight; and providing timely information via the web. Monitoring goods movement-related legislation and other regional freight initiatives. <u>Products/Activities</u> Condition report of highway system and resources Access Management Maintain Regional ITS Architecture |

* Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

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| | Participation and education on freight initiatives Transportation security assistance |
| 60132-1000 \$125,000 | Safety Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> Regional crash data analysis Regional Safety Education Member assistance Participation in local and state safety committees Project Evaluation Special projects and studies |
| 60152-3000 \$75,000 | Transit and Human Services Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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 \$275,000 | Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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 \$445,000 | Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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

60522-2000

\$400,000

Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs

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

60552-3000

\$280,000

Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications

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

61012-3000

\$290,000

Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

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

61022-0400

\$118,541

Transportation Public Involvement

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

Public Involvement for Miscellaneous Transportation Activities

62512-1000

\$200,000

Planning Coordination and Support

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

69712-3000

\$105,000

Program Administration

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

** Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021*

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

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

| WORK ELEMENT | PROJECT DESCRIPTION |
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BUDGET

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| 66507-1000 \$200,000 * \$25,000 remaining 100% MORPC STBG with Toll Credit | Central Ohio Greenways Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> Trail Planning & Mapping Trail Assistance Funding Guidance Outreach & Storytelling |
| 66522-3000 \$500,000 ^ 100% MORPC STBG with Toll Credit | LinkUS Regional Corridors Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> Outreach, Education & Engagement High Capacity Transit Planning Transit Oriented Development Planning Corridor Funding Strategies |
| 66542-0400 \$50,000 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit | Paving The Way 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> Project Coordination Communications and Outreach |
| 66562-3000 \$350,000 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit | Supplemental Planning 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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

66572-1000

\$250,000

100% MORPC STBG
using toll credit

Technical Assistance Program

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

67410-3000

\$222,368

* \$93,771 remaining
100% FTA 5310
Administration 10% of
Apportionment

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

67412-3000

\$116,044

100% FTA 5310
Administration 10% of
Apportionment

5310 Designated Recipient-2022

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

67420-3000

\$260,000

* \$110,000 remaining
80% FTA 5310, 20%
local

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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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

67422-3000

\$130,000

100% FTA 5310, 0%
local per COVID-19 Relief

Mobility Management 2022

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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III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

Total Budget \$1,250,000

| WORK ELEMENT BUDGET | PROJECT DESCRIPTION |
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66712-3000

\$700,000

100% MORPC CMAQ

Transportation Services (Ridesharing)

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.

Products/Activities

Promote a culture of sustainable and smart multimodal travel throughout Central Ohio. Public education and ridematching services

Raise public awareness about mobility options in the region. Increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance to improve air quality

National Transit Database reporting

Program evaluation, strategic plan and telework policy

Promote TDM services in diverse and underserved populations

66732-1000

\$550,000

100% MORPC CMAQ

Air Quality Awareness

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.

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

** Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2021*

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget \$0

| WORK ELEMENT BUDGET | PROJECT DESCRIPTION |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
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66505-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing Local Planning

Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget.

Products/Activities

Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes

67401-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing COTA Activities

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.

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

\$0

No funding

Ongoing DCT Activities

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.

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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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2022

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WORK ELEMENTS

No. 60192-3000

Short Range Planning

Short-range planning services help members make progress on the objectives established in the CORPO Transportation Plan(CTP). The FAST Act encourages areas to be innovative in the way they manage and operate the system to ensure people and goods move efficiently, safely, and in the most secure way possible. CORPO will support the management and operation of the transportation system by reporting on its conditions and identifying resources to meet established performance measures.

MAP-21 established a core Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that is structured and funded to make significant progress in reducing highway fatalities. This law requires state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to implement a State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and to address safety issues in their regions. CORPO's safety planning work will help the state meet this requirement.

Active transportation planning ensures that non-motorized transportation facilities are constructed as part of a multi-modal transportation system and that performance measures are in place to guide engineering, education, and enforcement practices that enhance their usage and the safety of non- motorists.

| Product: Method | Agency/ies | Schedule |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Condition report of highway system and funding: Assess current condition of highway system by collecting pavement condition summaries from ODOT and local agencies. Assist members in Identifying resources needed to bring it to an acceptable standard and in applying for funding. Coordinate effort with the ODOT Asset Management System | <i>CORPO/Local Governments</i> | <i>As needed for TIP and CTP</i> |
| Safety planning and safety funding applications: Encourage members to address safety concerns through engineering and enforcement measures. Assist them with their applications for safety funding. Conduct special studies and projects related to transportation safety such as intersection modifications as requested by members or ODOT. | <i>CORPO/Local Governments/Others</i> | <i>Ongoing</i> |
| Active transportation planning: Assist local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing active transportation infrastructure that includes both bike and pedestrian facility. Assist members with trail planning development and complete streets. | <i>CORPO/ODOT/Local Governments</i> | <i>Ongoing</i> |
| Transit Planning: Coordinate with both public and private transit and mobility providers on public transit and human services planning. Assist members with related grant applications (5310, 5307, OTP2, Etc), planning documents and meeting planning. | <i>CORPO & Local governments and transit Agencies</i> | <i>Ongoing</i> |

Budget:

Total Work Element \$40,000 \$32,000 FHWA, \$4,000 ODOT, \$4,000 MORPC

PID#: 114263

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

This element is to prepare and continue to maintain an updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through this element. CORPO will identify federal, state and other resources to make local improvements and coordinate them with traditional federal resources.

This element also involves the monitoring and coordination of progress for projects in the TIP. As-needed amendments to the TIP are completed. Periodic reports concerning the status of federal funds are made to the CORPO committees. CORPO also participates in public involvement opportunities conducted as part of the development of regionally significant transportation improvements including transit projects.

| Product: Method | Agency/ies | Schedule |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2021-2024 TIP: Coordinate with ODOT Districts 5 and 6, MORPC, transit providers and local agencies on project information for amendments to the TIP. Coordinate with ODOT Central Office on TIP update and amendment schedules. | <i>CORPO</i> | <i>Ongoing</i> |
| Collaboration on project delivery and financing options for projects: As needed, work with local jurisdictions to identify project funding mechanisms and coordinate them with the use of federal, state and other locally available resources, including coordination with OPWC's SCIP-/LTIP-funded projects. Assist with special funding opportunities such as BUILD, CARES, CRRSAA, OTP2, Transit Related funding and INFRA. Work with our public and private partners to bring projects that are extremely time-sensitive online as quickly as possible. | <i>CORPO & Local Agencies</i> | <i>Ongoing</i> |

Budget:

Total Work Element \$30,000 \$24,000 FHWA, \$3,000 ODOT, \$3,000 MORPC

PID#: 114263

Data and Analysis

Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization. In addition, CORPO intends to function as a resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs.

| Product: Method | Agency/ies | Schedule |
|---|------------------------|-----------|
| Provide GIS and technical assistance to members: Coordinate with the modeling team to be responsive to new data needs associated with the travel demand model. Prepare land use forecasts for traffic studies. Provide demographic and economic data for studies as needed. | CORPO | As Needed |
| Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making: Create data visualizations to make finding and retrieving information easy for users for transportation planning purposes: Produce data-driven reports for a quick view of facts and figures about communities and the region. | CORPO/MORPC | As Needed |
| Respond to and document requests: Answer questions from government, residents, academia and businesses for transportation and demographic data. | CORPO/MORPC | As Needed |
| 2050 Population and Employment Projections: Working with local agencies, look at trends and future land use and economic development plans to develop projections. | CORPO & local agencies | July 2022 |

Budget:

Total Work Element \$38,609 \$30,887 FHWA, \$3,861 ODOT, \$3,861 MORPC

PID#: 114263

Long Range Transportation Planning

This work element is the creation and maintenance of the Long-Range Rural Transportation Plan and related activities. The plan examines the region's transportation needs at least 20 years into the future and proposes a multimodal network to meet the region's needs. Work includes maintenance activities for the current 2018-2040 long-range rural transportation plan completed in 2018. This activity also includes coordination with local governments and other transportation agencies, participating in special long-range planning efforts, monitoring and reporting on federal and state transportation legislation, regulations, and policies, and integrating transportation into other regional planning efforts.

| Product: Method | Agency/ies | Schedule |
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| The 2018 – 2040 Long- Range Transportation Plan: Amend as needed. | CORPO | As Needed |
| 2023 – 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan: Review and update Public Involvement Plan. Through stakeholder and public involvement, review and update CTP goals and objectives. | CORPO | PIP update: Dec 2021; Goals & objectives June 2022; full plan May 2023 |
| Knox and Morrow County Freeway/Expressway Access Study: Building upon work done in FY21 continued coordination with the working group, document travel and other mobility issues in southern Knox and Morrow counties. Develop future population and employment forecasts, analyze future travel conditions and develop strategies and concepts to address travel and mobility issues. Additional funding outside the PWP may be obtained to go into more detail and/or development implementation plan of proposed. Strategies and concepts. | CORPO/Knox County/Morrow County | June 2022 |
| Madison County Thoroughfare Plan: Assist Madison County in continuing work completed in FY 21 in developing a thoroughfare plan and access management regulations for the county. Assist with plan implementation where appropriate. | CORPO/Madison County | June 2021 |
| Industrial Parkway Study Support: provide information on existing and future travel information on the industrial Parkway Corridor from Dublin to Marysville to support the Union County Engineer's study of the corridor. | CORPO/Union County | December 2021 |
| Coordinate with ODOT planning activities: Coordinate with special studies and projects that are in the early steps of development. Coordinate with ODOT on implementing strategies in A045 within CORPO. | CORPO/MORPC | As Needed |
| Complete other long-range system studies: Use regional data and resources and technical expertise in highway, thoroughfare, transit, pedestrian, access management, freight and bikeway planning to analyze specific long-range transportation needs to assist members. | CORPO, Local Governments | Ongoing |

Budget:

Total Work Element \$70,000 \$56,000 FHWA, \$7,000 ODOT, \$7,000 MORPC

PID#: 114263