SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FACT SHEET

PURPOSE:
To address important regional issues related to sustainability, including air quality, water resources, trails, energy, growth, and planning, for Central Ohio’s local governments and their communities. These areas of focus are aligned with MORPC’s structure and programs.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) is a top level committee which serves as the voice for sustainability to MORPC’s board and as advisors to MORPC’s programming, working groups, and committees. The SAC focuses on supporting the sustainability priorities of the MORPC member governments, and its work that will be integrated with MORPC’s transportation plans, its public policy priorities, and throughout MORPC’s programs. Flexibility is an important element of the SAC to address our member needs and emerging program areas by establishing new sub-committees as needed.

ROLE:
• Serve as the voice and key advisors across MORPC’s programming and regional plans
• Advise and utilize the expertise of various sustainability working groups and committees
• Bring policy and program recommendations to MORPC’s board
• Support key objectives of MORPC’s Regional Sustainability Agenda, transportation plans, Public Policy Agenda, and other plans

REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA:
• Developed with guidance of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, the MORPC board adopted a four-year plan that is focused on top regional goals through measurable objectives and key strategies.

COMPOSITION:
• 12-member minimum, with flexibility to grow as needed
• Appointed chair and vice-chair (both MORPC board members)
• 1 appointed representative from each of the working groups/boards (chair)
• 3 appointed representatives from Sustainable2050 communities
• 3 appointed seats to represent diverse stakeholders in the region

STRUCTURE:
The Sustainability Advisory Committee is a top-level committee of MORPC and is currently supported by four standing committees (or working groups) to address key regional issue areas. Those areas include: energy, air quality, greenways, Sustaining Scioto, sustainable2050, or other working group areas as needed.