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**NOTICE OF A MEETING**

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
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**November 2, 2022**  
**9 a.m.**

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**AGENDA**

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions – James Young, Chair**
- 9:02 a.m. Approval of October 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
- 9:03 a.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC  
Jennifer Noll, MORPC**
- 9:10 a.m. Funding Programs**
- Attributable Funds Project Status Update – Thomas Graham, MORPC
- 9:15 a.m. Resolutions**
- Resolution T-14-22: Adopting the 2023 Technical Assistance Program Guide – Lauren Cardoni, MORPC
- 9:20 a.m. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
- Resolution T-15-22: Adopting Goals for the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Nick Gill, MORPC

**William Murdock, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Erik J. Janas**  
Chair

**Chris Amorose Groomes**  
Vice Chair

**Michelle Crandall**  
Secretary

- 2024 - 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Performance Measures – Nick Gill, MORPC

**9:35 a.m. Informational Items**

- Central Ohio Blueways Update – Jonathan Miller, MORPC
- Annual Population Estimates – Adam Porr, MOPRC

**9:50 a.m. Other Business**

- Nominating Committee - Chair/Vice-Chair Appointment

**10:00 a.m. Adjourn**

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**The Attributable Funds Committee meeting will follow this meeting at 10:00 a.m.**

**The next TAC meeting is  
November 30, at 9 a.m.**

# Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



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Date: **October 5, 2022**  
Time: **9:00 a.m.**  
Location: **MORPC**

## **Members Present**

Mike Andrako  
Mike Barker  
Andrew Biesterveld  
Barbara Cox  
William Ferrigno  
Cindi Fitzpatrick  
Corey Francis

Matt Huffman (online)  
Tiffany Jenkins  
Josh Lockhart (online)  
Alan Moran  
Kim Moss (online)  
Tim Nittle  
Matthew Peoples

Scott Sanders  
Letty Schamp  
Kelly Toth  
Kevin Weaver  
James Young

## **Guests**

Mike Arellano  
Doug Bender  
Angela Fedak (online)

Mike Hafner (online)  
Tom Hibbard  
Stephanie Joseph (online)

Veena Madineni (online)  
Eric Petee (online)

## **MORPC Staff**

Lauren Cardoni  
Nick Gill  
Tom Graham

Jon Heider  
Elliott Lewis  
Chuck Ratliff

Melissa Rapp  
Maria Schaper  
Nate Vogt

### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

- Chair Young called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. There was not a quorum present.

### **II. Approval of September 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- Since a quorum was not present to approve the previous minutes, Chair Young advanced the agenda.
- At 9:56 a.m., a quorum was present. Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the September 2022 minutes. Mr. Barker moved; Ms. Fitzpatrick seconded; and the motion passed.

### **III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC**

- Mr. Gill reported that MORPC's Summit on Sustainability is being held on Friday October 14th, 2022, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. A link to register is on the MORPC website.
- The committee was informed that the annual call for applications for the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities is open from October 3rd through October 24th. Approximately \$1.6 million is available for funding at a 20% local and 80% federal match. For this round, capital vehicle purchases will not be eligible for funding due to the global production

issues. Please contact John Gardocki for any questions regarding the funding round.

- Mr. Gill welcomed Senior Planner Jon Heider and Grants Coordinator Preston Frick to the Programming department.

**IV. Attributable Funds Project State Update** – Thomas Graham, MORPC

- Referring to the MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments for SFY 2023 handout, Mr. Graham informed that the MORPC funding commitment was increased for PID 103626, the Delaware Point project, through resolution T-10-22: Amending the State Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. In addition, funding was also secured through TRAC.
- Mr. Graham pointed out that the negative STBG balance for the end of the year is of little concern since there is a surplus of STBG dollars available around the state.

**V. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

- 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures – Nick Gill, MORPC
  - A brief overview of what the MTP is and a review of the goals, objectives & targets, and performance measures for the 2024 – 2050 MTP was given.
  - Mr. Gill mentioned that the report card for 2022 is being finalized and will be shared soon.
  - Mr. Gill informed the committee that the next step is to present the proposed goals to the public for comment. The comment public period will end November 4, 2022.
  - In November 2022, these goals will be brought forth to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) for adoption. Additionally, the draft objectives and targets will be presented.

**VI. Informational Items**

- ODOT Multimodal Design Guide – Cait Harley, ODOT
  - Ms. Harley gave the committee an overview of the Multimodal Design Guide (MDG), explaining that it serves as the primary source for planners and designers implementing pedestrian and bicycle facilities in ODOT right-of-way and as part of the Local Let Process.
  - Ms. Harley explained that the MDG is built on national best practices and proven design solutions. Throughout the guide, figures and tables are used to convey design information and help to illustrate design concepts. However, the tables and figures should be reviewed in relation to the written material to help planners and designers understand how project context may inform the decision-making process.
  - The MDG is meant to be used in conjunction with other ODOT guides such as the Location and Design or Traffic Engineering manuals.
  - Ms. Harley highlighted some of the more notable items in the guide and stated that videos and training courses are available.
  - Ms. Schamp asked if the guide addresses design of separated bike facilities in conjunction with commercial driveways. Ms. Harley stated that it may be covered in the guide, but that they would follow up more information.

- Ms. Cardoni stated that this guide is a valuable resource to ensure compliance with the Complete Streets policy for those receiving MORPC Attributable funds.
- Technical Assistance Program – Lauren Cardoni, MOPRC
  - Ms. Cardoni provided an update on the Technical Assistance Program giving an overview of the program and explaining that this service is available to MORPC members for MORPC staff assistance with community-based planning activities that advance the goals of the MTP.
  - The Cycle 2 (2022) services provided to Franklin County Metro Parks and the cities of Columbus, Dublin, and Sunbury were reviewed, highlighting the services provided for each agency.
  - Ms. Cardoni stated that the next cycle of applications will be launching soon. New services are being added to the 2023 technical assistance activities, such as Safety Action Plan Development tailored for SS4A federal funding requirements.
  - Ms. Cardoni mentioned that the 2023 program guide will be brought to the CAC and TAC for review next month.
  - Ms. Fitzpatrick asked if the applicants to the program are required to provide any financial contribution. Ms. Cardoni replied that there is additional information in the program guide about applicant eligibility and requirements. There is no financial contribution required, just a commitment of a project manager and staff time from the applicant agency to assist MORPC with the requested service.

**VII. Other Business**

- None brought forward.

**VIII. Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.



Thea Ewing, Secretary  
**Transportation Advisory Committee**



# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPORT

October 2022

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## PROGRAMMING

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### Transportation

Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director – [ngill@morpc.org](mailto:ngill@morpc.org)

#### Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- A public comment period opened for comments on the proposed regional goals that will guide the development of the 2024-2050 MTP on October 4, 2022 and will close November 4, 2022.
- Continued to collaborate internally to review and revise objectives and performance measures for each of the proposed goals. Draft objectives and performance measures will be presented for public comment in November.
- Continued to develop data for the 2022 MTP Report Card.

#### Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

##### *Mobility Management*

- Preparation is underway between Fayette and Madison counties to hold a Mobility Workshop in early 2023. Involvement from various stakeholders and transportation providers will be involved in the planning to assist employers with workforce transportation options.
- Union County stakeholders are looking to hold a workforce transportation workshop in early 2023 to assist employers like Scotts and Honda with finding resources for current and new employees. MORPC's vanpool and carpool resources will be highlighted, as well as the Commute Action Fund.

##### *FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient*

- Call for applications were due on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> for the FY 22 funding availability. The 5310 Advisory Committee will meet in November to determine the program of projects for review by MORPC, CAC, TAC, and Commission in December.

##### *Gohio Commute*

- Participated in the Smart Columbus Drive Electric event at Easton. We spoke to over 200 people about sustainable commuting and our Gohio Commute programs.
- Added a new vanpool group traveling from Hebron to Whitehall. This group will save thousands per year on their commute while helping improve air quality and road congestion.

- Participated in Smart Columbus' Commuter Benefit's Cohort meeting. This meeting brought together local businesses to talk about commuter benefits and the current mode providers available in central Ohio.
- Joined the Columbus Climate Action Plan on the Transportation working group. We look forward to bringing our expertise to this working group and helping to make a positive change in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction.
- Presented our Gohio Commute programs to the City of Dublin. We look forward to partnering with to help achieve their 10% VMT reduction goals.

### *U.S. 23 Connect Study*

- The Study team continued developing public engagement materials including a newsletter and interactive web map that will be used to collect specific data points and ideas from stakeholders and the public. The web map will be open for use starting in November 2022.

### *LinkUS Mobility Initiative*

- Preparations for the 2023 communications strategy for LinkUS are underway.
- Analysis of the May 2022 RAISE LinkUS Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) grant submission was reviewed by the FTA technical team. The application did not receive a high enough rating to move onto the financial review and then onto the Secretary's desk.
- MORPC and COTA are working towards an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for ratification of the TSI committee structure.

### *Interregional Connections*

- Communications with Amtrak and partners continue on Central Ohio's passenger rail discussions. A letter of intent was submitted to FRA on the federal register by MORPC in October for several rail corridors.

## Active Transportation Planning:

- MORPC hosted and facilitated a meeting of the Active Transportation Committee on October 20, 2022. The meeting agenda focused on transportation demand management and included highlights of national best practices, as well as successful regional and local TDM programs and initiatives. Presentation materials are available upon request.

## Transportation Safety:

- MORPC is conducting data analyses to complete the annual State of Safety report. The report will be available later this year.
- MORPC hosted a session on Prioritizing Pedestrian Safety at the Summit on Sustainability. Panelists included Michelle May and Lori Duguid from ODOT, as well as Angie Schmitt, author of *Right of Way: Race, Class, and the Silent Crisis of Pedestrian Deaths in America*.

## Technical Assistance Program:

- Final deliverables for the 2022 Technical Assistance Program activities are being wrapped up.
- The Technical Assistance Program (TAP) guide was updated for 2023. Applications for the 2023 program will be available on November 10, 2022 and will be due by 5 p.m. on December 9, 2022. Awards will be announced in early January 2023 with the intent to begin work in mid-January 2023. More information about the TAP can be found on MORPC's website.

## Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):

- Held county-level subcommittee meetings and documented the engagement as required for the TIP development process.
- Work continued on the development of CORPO's Transportation Plan (CTP), including developing objectives and performance measures, as well as county-level population forecasts.
- The next CORPO Committee meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2022.

## Infrastructure Funding:

### *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*

- MORPC will be developing a TIP for SFYs 2024-2027. The last update was three years ago. Approval is scheduled for May 2023. Over the next few months, MORPC will be coordinating with ODOT, transit authorities, and local governments to identify regionally significant projects with funding committed to them in SFYs 2024-2027.

### *MORPC-Attributable Funding*

- MORPC received 42 final applications for funding in September. These applications will be evaluated throughout October and November to develop final scores for the Attributable Funds Committee to use for developing draft recommendations for funding.

### *Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)*

- OPWC District 3 (Franklin County) received 19 applications for the SCIP and LTIP programs. These applications are being scored. Final scores will be presented in December.

### *Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)*

- The Central Ohio regional hearing was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 for sponsors to present project details to TRAC members. MORPC presented the application priority list as adopted in Resolution T-11-22 at the September 8, 2022 Commission meeting. Applications are now under review and TRAC is expected to announce final awards in early 2023.

### *Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)*

- A strategic plan for updating CAP profiles has been created. This includes delineating contact responsibilities with project leads, tracking this progress using an interactive Excel spreadsheet, and setting the goal of having these projects updated by the end of the year.
- The comprehensive CAP contact list was updated, which enables communication with project leads. Contacting CAP project leads to review project priorities has begun.
- A possible expansion of project type and classification under the CAP has been discussed internally. Possible project expansion themes may include, but are not limited to workforce development, housing, and sustainability. An approach for working with communities on project expansions is currently underway.



## Economic Development

### *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) & Economic Development District (EDD) Designation:*

- The Economic Development (ED) team submitted its first draft of the region's EDD request to the U.S. EDA for review and feedback.
- The ED team is working toward a submission of the final EDD designation request in November.

### *Brownfield Assessments:*

- MORPC is working to identify at least two additional Phase I projects in its current U.S. EPA Brownfield grant with approximately \$20k in unallocated funding.
- With the anticipation of the final funding assignments taking place in Q4 2022, MORPC expects to complete the programmatic work on the current brownfield project by Q1 2023.

### *Grants:*

- MORPC has hired a new Grants Coordinator who is responsible for researching funding opportunities and working with MORPC stakeholders for various project funding.
- Continued efforts for the Appalachian Community Grants Program, outlined in HB 377, have been furthered in Perry County by completing project site visits and attending the Appalachian Forward Conference.
- With the formal release of U.S. EPA Brownfield funding opportunity, the ED and Grants teams are working to apply for a funding request of \$500,000. The team is in the process of identifying project locations and project partners.
- MORPC is working with the Village of Lockbourne to assemble information for an application to the U.S. EPA for public works funding to address issues around flooding and stormwater run-off.

# PLANNING

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## Community Development

### Central Ohio Greenways (COG):

- The COG Trail Development Working Group and Partnership Working Group met on October 19, 2022 to consider updates to the Regional Trail Vision. These updates reflect new feasibility understandings that are the result of MORPC's Technical Assistance 2022 projects and other local community plans.
- COG's newly established Nomination Committee has recommended Dublin's J.M. Rayburn to join the Board. His term will begin in November 2022.
- The Outdoor Trails Passport, a program in collaboration with Experience Columbus, is live. Residents and visitors are invited to access the passport online any time they explore a greenways trail. By checking in at locations across the COG network, passport users become eligible to win prizes. See <https://www.experiencecolumbus.com/outdoortrails/> for more information.
- The Final Trail Town Framework Steering Committee meeting was held on August 25, 2022. The Committee reviewed the final project document, which includes local community case studies, a regional implementation framework, and local community short-term implementation strategies. The final document is available on the COG Website: Community Resources - Central Ohio Greenways - Central Ohio Greenways.
- COG has been awarded funding from The Columbus Foundation to expand the Trail Town Framework to meet the unique needs of urban communities. COG will be hosting a scoping meeting with interested communities in the fall.
- COG has also secured funding from ODOT for a Wayfinding Study that will launch in late 2022. An RFP to support the project will be released in November. Trail count equipment will be purchased this Fall.
- The COG Board will meet on November 16, 2022. for a Board member retreat.

### Central Ohio Blueways:

- Staff is currently mapping Blueways routes and access points to determine mileage and access points within each jurisdictional boundary. This information will be used to solicit participation in a Blueways Steering Committee and to confirm contact information for partnership meetings within each Blueway.

### insight2050:

#### *LinkUS Mobility Initiative*

- Together with the Programming department, team members are engaged in ongoing committee and working group meetings for the LinkUS initiative.

#### *RAPID 5*

- RAPID 5 recently welcomed Creative Director Jonathan Tolbert to their team. Jon brings extensive experience from his previous roles with Pelotonia and the City of Columbus. The RAPID 5 team was well represented at the MORPC Summit on Sustainability: President & CEO Dr. Amy Acton

inspired the lunchtime audience with her Pecha Kucha presentation while Chief Operating Officer Jen Peterson shared RAPID 5's collaborative approach to the community and other important efforts, such as LinkUS. Stay up to date with RAPID 5 news and events at [rapid5.org](http://rapid5.org). MORPC's main contact for the RAPID 5 initiative is Chief Regional Strategy Officer, Kerstin Carr ([KCarr@morpc.org](mailto:KCarr@morpc.org)).

## Regional Housing Strategy (RHS):

### *Outreach*

- Team members met with several groups, including the Ohio Economic Development Agency, a conversation with Licking County officials co-hosted with Licking County Planning & Development, Ohio Municipal League, and the Sunbury-Big Walnut Area Chamber. The team shared a regional growth outlook and discussed opportunities for communities to preserve their character even as they prepare for household and job growth. The RHS was also represented in conversations at YWCA Activists & Agitators and MORPC's Summit on Sustainability.

### *Implementation Assistance*

- Are you interested in a housing workshop for your community's elected officials, staff, or community leaders? MORPC is accepting requests for presentations and workshops. Our team will work with you to design the agenda, including recommended speakers and learning objectives. Contact Jennifer Noll for more information ([JNoll@morpc.org](mailto:JNoll@morpc.org)).

## Sustainability

### Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) met September 29, 2022. The agenda included updates on MORPC programs, the Inflation Reduction Act, and a presentation on New Albany's proposed Sustainable2050 certification which was adopted by the SAC. The committee also voted to award Sustainable2050 members with two additional points toward their certification for establishing a Sustainability Advisory Committee or Green Team to advise and elevate local sustainability initiatives. The next meeting will take place on December 14, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

### *Intel and Regional Growth Sustainability Forum*

- On September 22, 2022, MORPC hosted the Intel & Regional Growth Sustainability Forum. The forum included a presentation from Emily Smith, Ohio Director of Global Public Affairs and Sustainability at Intel. Brandi Whetstone presented on MORPC's regional sustainability programs, and Brian Filiatraut moderated a best practices panel to highlight ideas for communities to proactively incorporate environmental sustainability in preparation for the expected growth and development.

### Sustainable2050:

- The September 16, 2022 quarterly meeting included a presentation from the Ohio Environmental Council and Power a Clean Future Ohio on their recent report "*The Bill is Coming Due: Calculating the Financial Cost of Climate Change to Ohio's Local Governments*" More information can be found at <https://theoec.org/press-releases/thebilliscomingduereport/>. This report provides estimates for how much municipalities could have to spend on ten specific impacts from climate change. The MORPC team provided an update on Inflation Reduction Act opportunities for sustainability and climate-related funding, which will be a focus of the next meeting.
- At the October Commission meeting, MORPC recognized the city of New Albany for achieving Sustainable2050 Silver certification. Sustainability has been a major focus for the city, demonstrated by the formation of a Sustainability Advisory Committee, the solar panel installation at

the public service garage, and the food waste compost program. New Albany is the first to certify under the new Regional Sustainability Agenda, and the 20th member to achieve certification.

- The fourth quarterly meeting will be December 9, 2022 at MORPC. Membership and tier status certification is open to MORPC members. Please contact MORPC's Sustainability Officer, Brandi Whetstone, for more information ([BWWhetstone@morpc.org](mailto:BWWhetstone@morpc.org)).

## Water Resources Program:

### *Sustaining Scioto*

- The board will meet on October 26, 2022. The featured presentation will be focused on the mid-term goals outlined in the Sustaining Scioto Study to identify MORPC and the board's role in implementing the adaptation strategies. The board will also discuss vacancies and how to fill those positions. The team is also wrapping up an RFQ process for a consultant to develop a communications and outreach plan working in partnership with the American Farmland Trust and their Farming for Clean Water program.

### *Ohio EPA Water Resources Planning Work*

- The team is working with Data & Mapping to implement the scope of work, which includes an online map and updates to the 208 plans in Delaware and Licking counties. Staff is also working with Ohio EPA to host a workshop on December 6, 2022 focused on the value of water resources and wastewater planning, and the available funding and resources to support communities in these efforts.

## Energy & Air Quality:

### *Air Quality*

#### *Air Quality Forecasting and Alerts*

- There have been no Air Quality Alerts issued since June 2022. The team recently met with STI, Inc., the air quality forecasters, to learn more about their forecasting processes and worked with STI to make updates to monthly reports.

#### *Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project*

- MORPC's Data & Mapping Team will be involved with data management and analysis of the PurpleAir data for the neighborhood monitoring project. The Team will be producing a six-month data analysis report in the next month to get a snapshot of the particle pollution levels recorded in different zip codes. With the arrival of new PurpleAir monitors, we will coordinate with the Ohio EPA to co-locate those with a regulatory monitor to verify their performance.

#### *Education and Outreach*

- October is Firewood Awareness Month. In partnership with the U.S. EPA Burnwise program, MORPC shared a few simple tips to make your fire burn hotter, keep your wallet fatter, and keep your local air cleaner and healthier. The team is working with MORPC's Communications and Engagement department to update a one-pager and other materials posted on our social media platforms. The team also partnered with Gohio Commute at the recent Drive Electric event at the Easton Town Center to share information about mobility options, air quality alerts and forecasts, EVs, and more. In November, staff will again be partnering with Gohio Commute on an outreach event at the Nationwide Children's Hospital.

#### *Advance Program*

- MORPC participates in the U.S. EPA Advance Program and is required to develop a path forward plan for the upcoming year. The Advance Program offers an opportunity for states, tribes, and local governments to work in partnership with the EPA and each other within a framework that can help

focus participants' efforts to keep their air clean. MORPC is working with the U.S. EPA to develop this plan, which will include ongoing programs and projects and outline potential strategies to employ for expansion by being members of the U.S. EPA Advance Program.

### *Energy and Air Quality Working Group (EAQWG)*

- The November 15 Energy & Air Quality Working Group meeting will be held at OSU's Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center, where Aaron Wilson and Jason Cervenec will discuss the development of the next installment of the National Climate Assessment and provide a tour of their research facilities and world-renowned ice cores. For an accurate headcount, please RSVP to Brian Filiatraut ([bfiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto:bfiliatraut@morpc.org)).

### *Energy Planning*

- The Regional Schools Energy Strategy (ReSES) is an opportunity for schools, school districts, and local governments to move forward with onsite solar power generation through a collaborative solar co-op to secure the best pricing on installation and electricity rates. MORPC is in discussions with interested entities. If any local government or school leader is interested, please contact Brian Filiatraut ([bfiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto:bfiliatraut@morpc.org)).
- The Rickenbacker Energy Consortium (REC) met September 21, 2022. REC will continue the conversation on building public-private partnerships to spur clean energy projects in the area. The meeting will feature the Columbus Region Airport Authority's successes and approach to clean energy solutions. Anyone interested in learning more or joining should contact Brian Filiatraut ([bfiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto:bfiliatraut@morpc.org)).
- Federal funding opportunities are a priority, and the team continues to coordinate across departments on identifying opportunities for clean energy and sustainability. Furthermore, MORPC is working in partnership with the Columbus Partnership's Clean Energy Program to coordinate opportunities for both ReSES and a Columbus Region Green Fund.

### *Clean Ohio Conservation Fund*

- MORPC organized a Clean Ohio Applicant Workshop on October 3, 2022 to kick off Round 17. The workshop introduced new applicants to the application process, including the new OPWC Workwise Portal and the District 3 application process. Preliminary screeners are due on December 9, 2022. For more information, please contact Edwina Teye ([eteve@morpc.org](mailto:eteve@morpc.org)).

## **Data, Mapping & Modeling**

### **Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC):**

- The committee will meet on December 6, 2022.

### **Working Groups & User Groups:**

#### *The Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group*

- Data Resource with Human Services Chamber:
  - A meeting was held with the Human Services Chamber on September 28, 2022. Working Group members discussed the creation, implementation, and use cases for the Data Resource Hub. Discussions will continue at the Group's next meeting on October 26, 2022.
- Data Day:
  - Planning for the rescheduled Data Day event began with a meeting with representatives from Ohio University. The event is planned to be moved to Ohio University's Integrated Education Center in Dublin.

- Staff is keeping in contact with existing presenters to ensure their continued participation. MORPC and Working Group Members will also follow-up with parties who were initially interested in presenting but were unable to because of scheduling conflicts in September.

### *The Local Government Resources Working Group*

- The working group is seeking recommendations and requests for data policy resources and best practices. Members are encouraged to share sources, resources, and/or suggestions with the Working Group. An online submission form has been developed for this purpose. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month.

### *The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG)*

- The December 7 meeting will feature Columbus City Auditor Megan Kilgore and other local government auditors in a round table discussion of the impacts to local budgets.
- The current Steering Committee Chair's term will end in December, a new Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected at the December meeting.
- Moving forward, RIDG plans to shorten the length of full RIDG meetings to 90 minutes and to be primarily virtual. The Steering Committee hopes to proactively engage with RDAC Members to help implement RDAC initiatives and goals. The Committee also hopes to welcome additional members in 2023.

## Data Management

- The Data team is continuing to explore ways to standardize data tools and workflows and to improve data and workflow version control and documentation. The team is experimenting with a tagging system for data products (datasets, visualizations, etc.) to allow traceability back to the workflow that produced them.
- Continuing preparations to take over management of the PurpleAir air quality data and data retrieval and analysis scripts created as part of the Thriving Earth Exchange grant effort. The team has created a GitHub repository to manage the code and is preparing a SharePoint file repository to store exported data and make it available to data users. The team will soon take over weekly processing of the data and will provide analysis support upon request.

### *Outreach*

- Continuing to provide timely data and analysis support for requests received from member communities, regional partners, and the media.
- MORPC presented at the Ohio GIS Conference on September 20-22. Presentations included sessions about ESRI Urban, how people are using GIS data, and how to model accessibility in multi-modal transportation networks using open-source tools. Adam Porr also participated in a webinar hosted by Columbus Council on World Affairs on October 20, 2022 about the international connections of our region.
- Select staff will represent Central Ohio at the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership annual meeting in late October.

## Data Analytics, Mapping, and Research:

### *Data & Research Activities*

- Data and research activities are focused on inputs to the land use allocation model for the coming cycle of the MTP/CTP and staff is internally reviewing draft county population projections and conducting research for other county control totals for households, labor force, and employment.



- Working on FTA appropriation data collection and processes for future updates and supported updating points-of-interest for school building locations and building populations. Staff also assisted with the survey analysis for the Central Ohio Trail Town Framework project.
- The 2022 Member Community Population Estimates were presented and approved for the purpose of computing 2023 dues at the October 13th Commission meeting through resolution 14-22. In the coming weeks, estimates will be made available to members and the public via the MORPC Population Hub. The Data team will work with member community representatives to resolve remaining questions prior to public dissemination of the data.
- Data and analysis support for updates is being provided to the Regional Sustainability Agenda metrics as well as the Gentrification and Displacement Risk Analysis, and a series of community presentations on regional growth and housing needs.
- Working with community partners to model the potential impacts of the Intel development on the region's economy, demographics, and built environment.

### *Mapping Activities*

- Working to clean up QCEW employment data to be used as part of the MTP land use model existing conditions.
- Created an RFP to have an active transportation (bike/ped) network created, along with scalable methodology to improve accessibility measures.

### *Modeling Activities*

- The team is continuing to support the LinkUS project with transportation modeling estimates.
- MORPC is working on the Quarry Traffic Impact Study & Renner-Trabue-McKinley Corridor (RTMC) Mobility Study as well as on the I71/36/37 interchange modeling and land use review.
- Team members are working on traffic study on U.S. 33 from 18<sup>th</sup> to Nelson Rd.
- Responded to ten Traffic Growth Rate requests this month for various locations and continues to maintain the Traffic Count Program.

# COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

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## News Releases

- [MORPC Announces Funding Availability to Enhance Mobility for Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities](#)
- [MORPC Seeks Public Input on Draft Regional Transportation Goals](#)
- [2022 Summit on Sustainability Connects More Than 500 Community Leaders to Explore, Share Sustainable Solutions](#)
- [MORPC to Launch New Cycle of Technical Assistance Program](#)
- [Lancaster Unveils Southern Gateway Project Designed to Improve Safety, ADA Access, Parking in Downtown District.](#)
- [City of New Albany Recognized for Leading on Sustainability](#)

## MORPC in the News

- [Amy Acton and Jennifer Peterson, Rapid 5](#)
- [Columbus architecture awards include garage, theater](#)
- [County commissioner Steve Davis sees local transportation issues firsthand as Uber driver](#)
- [Eye on the Environment: City participates in MORPC's 2022 Summit on Sustainability](#)
- [Funding sought for city projects](#)
- [Grove City seeks funding for overpass project](#)
- [Major New Development, Expansion of The Fort Planned for South Side](#)
- [Metro Parks applying for grants to pay for new trails along Scioto River on South Side and at Highbanks](#)
- [MORPC Matters: Federal funding advances regional goals, but only with local collaboration](#)
- [A New Development Will Spark Life Into Steelton Village](#)
- [Proposed Trail Would Provide New South Side Connections, Including to New Metro Park](#)
- [Steelton Village: South Columbus neighborhood could get \\$350 million development with apartments, concert venues, brewery and more](#)
- [Sustainability summit features themes of diversity, equity, inclusion](#)
- [The Weekly Rundown: \\$350M bet on the south side, housing in Bexley versus Easton](#)

## Digital Content

*Social Media: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn:*

- Careers/Jobs, Central Ohio Greenways, Trails Pass, Columbus Vision Zero, eSource, Gohio Commute, LinkUS, Mid-Ohio Open Data Site, Educational Partnership, RFPs/RFQs, Digital Inclusion Week, Global Diversity Awareness Month, Pedestrian Safety Month, Cyber Security Month, Register to Vote, Indigenous Peoples Day, Touch A Truck, Summit on Sustainability,



National Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day, Big Table Event, National Seat Check Saturday, 5310 funding, Car Free Day, TDM Week, Lancaster Southern Gateway Project, TAP, and RFQs.

### *TikTok:*

- Summit on Sustainability and Weatherization

### *Top Posts:*

- [Instagram and Facebook Reach](#)
- [Best Performing Post-Instagram & Facebook](#)
- [Best Performing Post-Twitter](#)

## Diversity & Inclusion

- MORPC's DE&I Committee held a Lunch & Learn in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Ohio Hispanic Coalition Executive Director, Josue' Vicente and Program Officer, Sarah Brown were the featured guests. They talked with staff not only about the rich heritage and culture of the Hispanic community and its celebration during National Hispanic Heritage month, but also their organization and how MORPC can potentially partner on programs and initiatives, including transportation.
- The Columbus Partnership recently created a Community Organizations DE&I Quarterly Forum and invited MORPC to participate. The purpose of the forum is to gather diversity practitioners to share DE&I resources.
- MORPC sponsored YWCA's Activists and Agitators event, held on October 13, 2022. This year's event, *Confronting Our Past, Constructing Our Future*, focused on uniting the community and inspiring social change. MORPC senior directors Kerstin Carr and Niel Jurist participated on the YWCA advisory committee and Kerstin served as a panelist to discuss how to *Undesign the Redline*. Niel was also featured in the community spotlight videos regarding the impact of her family's displacement in Hanford Village.

## Public Involvement & Engagement

- MORPC participated in the Columbus Foundation's Big Table event by hosting a community conversation with members of the Community Advisory Committee and other transportation professionals. Participants discussed important topics surrounding the theme of the talk, *The Future of Transportation*.
- Communications & Engagement participated in the Franklin County Engineer's 2022 Touch-a-Truck event. Staff engaged the community and promoted our programs and services at the annual event.
- MORPC promoted the following requests for public input through social media and through e-source:
  - 5310 Funding Availability information workshop and application window.
  - Proposed regional goals for the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Columbus Urbanized Area.

## Marketing Campaigns

- The Gohio Commute program is continuing to run a marketing campaign that is focused specifically on vanpooling and carpooling. This program is being promoted on social media.
- MORPC partnered with the Ohio EPA to promote Firewood Awareness month in October.

## Events

- On October 14, 2022, MORPC's annual Summit on Sustainability was held at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. Recordings of the Opening and Lunch Plenary Session are available on [MORPC's YouTube Channel](#).

### *Upcoming Events:*

- Save the Date for MORPC's State of the Region, April 6, 2023 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown Tower II.



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Transportation Policy Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Nick Gill, Transportation Director

**DATE:** October 24, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-14-22: **"Adopting the 2023 Technical Assistance Program Guide"**

The proposed Resolution T-14-22 will adopt an update to the MORPC Technical Assistance Program Guide for the next round of services. The Technical Assistance Program (TA Program) provides MORPC staff assistance to local government members within the boundary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to advance the goals in the MTP through implementation of specific MTP strategies focused on improving active transportation and transit infrastructure.

The Program Guide is reviewed on a regular basis, in alignment with each new round of technical assistance services. This provides the opportunity to make necessary changes to address the most current needs of the region and our local communities. Minor tweaks were made to the Program Guide for 2023, with the most significant changes incorporating new service types available for applicants.

The 2023 Program Guide will apply to the 2023 round of technical assistance services. An application window will be opened on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for eligible MORPC members to apply for the services established in the 2023 Program Guide.

Since the inception of the TA Program, Several Central Ohio communities have received MORPC staff assistance to complete various planning and policy development efforts. More information about these past services, as well as the current program, can be found on the MORPC website at: [www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program](http://www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program).

Attachment: Resolution T-14-22

RESOLUTION T-14-22

**“Adopting the 2023 Technical Assistance Program Guide”**

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 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) includes strategies for implementing active transportation and transit supportive infrastructure throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC Technical Assistance Program has provided technical assistance to eligible local government members since 2017 to advance planning that supports active transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Technical Assistance Program Guide continues previously offered technical assistance services and establishes new services; and

WHEREAS, the primary tenet of the Technical Assistance Program is to assist communities in implementing MTP System Management and System Development strategies focused on improving active transportation and transit, including strategies as listed in the Program Guide; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its November 2, 2022 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its November 2, 2022 meeting recommended approval of this resolution; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it adopts the attached MORPC 2023 Technical Assistance Program Guide.
- Section 2. That it directs staff to conduct a process to select activities for technical assistance in accordance with the 2023 Technical Assistance Program Guide.
- Section 3. That the Technical Assistance Program Guide will be reviewed and evaluated ahead of each application round and be modified as warranted.
- 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.

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Erik Janas, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Programming Staff

Attachment: MORPC 2023 Technical Assistance Program Guide

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDE 2023



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The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Technical Assistance (TA) Program provides assistance from MORPC staff to local government members within the boundary of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the planning of transportation and quality of life improvements related to the goals and strategies of MORPC's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Through the TA Program, MORPC staff will assist member communities with specific planning services related to active transportation, trail planning, transportation safety, and transit-supportive land use planning that support consideration of transportation in land use planning and/or demonstrate the benefits of various modes of transportation.

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# PROGRAM PURPOSE

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The seven-county Central Ohio region is growing rapidly, with its population expected to increase to approximately 3 million people by 2050. Demographic shifts anticipated with this growth will have a significant impact on the region's transportation system. To keep up with these shifts and evolving market demands, the region must recognize and address the need for a more multimodal and sustainable transportation system, as well as strategies for development that supports it.

A safe, reliable, efficient, and accessible transportation system is essential to the economy and quality of life for those who live and work in Central Ohio. The [Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#) (MTP) establishes a set of regional goals and objectives, and recommends strategies – including specific projects – that will maintain, manage, and develop Central Ohio's transportation system through 2050. Additionally, the [Active Transportation Plan](#) (ATP) and [Complete Streets Policy](#) work in combination with the MTP to further promote safe and comfortable conditions for walking and bicycling throughout the region. Finally, the [Central Ohio Greenways](#) vision of providing a world-class network of trails accessible to everyone in Central Ohio has resulted in a plan to add more than 500 new miles of trails throughout the broader region. Together these plans lay out a vision for a robust, multimodal, and sustainable transportation system in Central Ohio that provides the mobility options needed to support the region's growing population.

The 2020-2050 MTP established the following goals:

- Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.
- Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents' quality of life.
- Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.
- Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.
- Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.
- Use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of people.

The Technical Assistance Program provides MORPC staff assistance to local government members within the boundary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to advance the goals in the MTP through implementation of specific [MTP strategies](#) focused on improving active transportation and transit infrastructure.

The specific MTP strategies include:

## **System Management**

- OP 10 – Modify lane configurations of roadways, where appropriate, to safely match vehicle, transit, bike, and pedestrian demand.
- SAF 1: Collect, develop, maintain, and analyze crash data and identify regional safety emphasis areas and priority safety locations.
- SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations.
- DM 3 – Collaborate to reduce the need for vehicle travel through development regulations.
- DM 6 – Make neighborhoods safely walkable, bikeable, and accessible by transit through non-infrastructure projects and programs.



## **System Development**

- BP 1 – Collaborate to build high comfort bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure through development regulations.
- BP 2 – Increase the quantity and quality of data on bicycle, pedestrian, and similar modes travel behavior.
- BP 3 – Expand high comfort bicycle and pedestrian networks through the implementation of complete streets.
- BP 4 – Implement the Central Ohio Greenways trail vision.
- BP 5 – Implement the Active Transportation Plan to create high comfort regional pedestrian and bicycle transportation networks.
- BP 6 – Make neighborhoods walkable and bikeable through infrastructure projects that fill gaps in the high comfort pedestrian and bicycle networks.
- BP 7 – Ensure neighborhoods and employment locations have high comfort connections for pedestrians and bicyclists to the regional pedestrian, bicycle and transit networks.
- BP 8 – Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities through collaboration.
- TRAN 1 – Collaborate to build transit infrastructure through development regulations.
- TRAN 6 – Make neighborhoods transit supportive through infrastructure projects.

## **Transportation System Related**

- SYS 1 – Collaborate to ensure localized and regional transportation systems needs are addressed in development decisions.
- SYS 2 – Develop transportation system to serve all demographic population groups.

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**November 10, 2022**  
Call for Applications

**November 15, 2022**  
Informational Webinar

**December 9, 2022**  
Deadline to Submit  
Competitive Application

**January 6, 2023**  
Awardees Notified

The MORPC TA Program awards technical assistance services through a competitive application process. Successful applicants will receive MORPC staff expertise for community-based planning services that help to advance regional goals and specific strategies identified in the MTP. Technical assistance will be provided for specific planning services to help implement the identified strategies.

MORPC has established pre-determined scopes of services for potential activity types for the 2023 TA Program cycle. Before applying for technical assistance, members are encouraged to participate in an optional, **informational webinar** with MORPC staff **on Tuesday, November 15, 2022** to ask any questions about the program. For more information, contact Lauren Cardoni at [lcardoni@morpc.org](mailto:lcardoni@morpc.org).

Members awarded technical assistance through the TA Program must be prepared to have these services completed within six to nine months. Services should align with existing or proposed community projects that establish a strong connection to the [MTP](#), [ATP](#), [Complete Streets Policy](#), and [COG Vision](#). As part of the application process, applicants are required to provide a commitment letter signed by a local leader or department director acknowledging the request for technical assistance and committing local staff time to the project.

Within the program application, applicants will be asked to describe how local government officials and staff will participate in the process. The TA Program planning process is expected to be iterative; MORPC staff and program partners will conduct the planning process *together* with staff from the communities that are selected.

Members who receive an award of technical assistance **must** be able to:

- Submit a letter of commitment signed by a local leader or department director as part of the application,
- Designate a community staff member as Project Manager, and
- Enter into an agreement with MORPC prior to initiation of services.

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY TYPES

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For the 2023 TA Program cycle, MORPC has identified activity types that are intended to help guide Central Ohio communities through the projected changes in regional transportation needs. These activity types were developed based on the vision and goals established by the [MTP](#), [ATP](#), [Complete Streets Policy](#), and [COG Vision](#). Each activity is designed to address specific strategies established in the MTP.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for one of the pre-determined activity types outlined below. The anticipated scopes of work are intended to be a guide for the services and deliverables the TA Program will provide for communities. Communities can modify a pre-determined scope to suit their individual community needs as part of the application process.

Applicants must indicate their chosen activity type and provide the scope of work in their application. Awardees must be able to show that whichever project they choose can be completed within six to nine months.

## Activity Types:

The following activity types have been established for the 2023 TA Program cycle:

- 1. Active Transportation Planning**
  - a. Complete Streets Policy Development
  - b. Transit Supportive Infrastructure Planning
  - c. Active Transportation Project Prioritization
  
- 2. Central Ohio Greenways Visioning**
  - a. Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
  - b. Trail Access Improvements Planning
  
- 3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety**
  - a. Safety Action Plan Development
  - b. Complete Streets Safety Audit
  - c. Systemic Safety Analysis
  
- 4. Land Use Planning**
  - a. Conceptual Development Framework
  - b. Transit Oriented Development Planning
  
- 5. Other**

Following are the potential scopes of work for each activity type. These may be modified by the applicant as part of the application process.

# 1. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

## a. Complete Streets Policy Development

**Background:** Complete Streets provide safe, comfortable, and convenient access for all roadway users regardless of mode, age, or ability. Complete Streets may include sidewalks, protected bike lanes, shared-use paths, bus lanes, roundabouts, or other design elements. Adopting a Complete Streets Policy formalizes a community's intent to plan, design, develop, redevelop, and maintain roads that work for all residents.

**Description:** This activity will provide communities with the best practices, design guidance, and planning tools necessary to write and implement a Complete Streets Policy. Completion of this activity should result in the development of a Complete Streets Policy that the community then ushers through the adoption process.

### **Examples of past services:**

- City of Delaware Complete Streets Policy
- City of Worthington Complete Streets Policy

### **Anticipated Services:**

- Review of existing legislation, standards, and guidance, as applicable
  - Local agency will compile all local plans and relevant materials
  - MORPC will review materials and outline where improvements can be made regarding design & implementation of Complete Streets
- Research and presentation of best practices for Complete Streets
  - MORPC staff will provide presentation materials describing the benefits and general best practices related to Complete Streets
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshops to discuss opportunities for improving design and implementation of Complete Streets in the community
- Attend up to two (2) public workshops hosted/led by member local government
  - MORPC staff will provide support for local agency, should they decide to host any additional workshops or meetings

### **Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Draft *Complete Streets Policy* (formal policy to be passed through City Council, Township Board of Trustees, or County Commissioners as a resolution or ordinance)
- Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation

# 1. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

## b. Transit Supportive Infrastructure Planning

**Background:** *The insight2050 Corridor Concepts study identified key strategies for building truly transit-supportive corridors and transit-oriented development. As new initiatives like LinkUS work to implement recommendations from the Corridor Concepts study, it will be important for all communities in the region to identify where infrastructure improvements are needed in order to better connect people along priority regional transit corridors to the transit services.*

**Description:** *This activity will allow a community to understand key characteristics for providing safe pedestrian and bicyclist access to transit and identify issues and opportunities for improving access to key transit services. Completion of this activity should lead to a feasibility study or application for funding to design and/or implement the identified facilities.*

### **Anticipated Services:**

- Review existing plans and projects
  - Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
  - MORPC will review plans and proposed projects to establish working base map
- Data development and analysis
  - MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary for assessing issues and opportunities related to accessing transit
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing conditions and discuss potential improvements
- Finalize priority connections and transit access improvements
  - MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential transit access improvements

### **Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Technical documentation including:
  - Priority connections and any relevant opportunities/constraints
  - Relevant best practices and resources
- Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation

# 1. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

## c. Active Transportation Project Prioritization

**Background:** *The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) identifies regionally significant projects to be eligible for federal transportation funding. A project must be included in the MTP in order for a community to use MORPC-Attributable federal funding. These projects include active transportation facilities such as multi-use paths, bike facilities, and sidewalks, as well as roadway projects that are required to comply with the regional Complete Streets Policy.*

**Description:** *This activity will allow a community to 1) review the active transportation projects currently in the MTP in detail within their jurisdiction to refine them and develop a strategy for prioritizing and implementing the proposed facilities, and/or 2) review the active transportation needs within the community and establish potential projects to include in the next MTP update. Completion of this activity should lead to 1) a feasibility study or application for funding to design and/or implement the identified facilities, and/or 2) a list of potential projects to be added to the next MTP update.*

### **Anticipated Services:**

- Review existing plans and projects
  - Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
  - MORPC will review plans, proposed projects, the ATP, and the MTP to establish working base map for assessing potential active transportation projects
- Data development and analysis
  - MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary to help refine existing MTP projects and/or identify potential new projects
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing plans and discuss potential changes and/or additions to local priorities and the MTP
- Finalize priority projects and develop potential alternatives
  - MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential active transportation projects

### **Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Technical documentation including:
  - Community active transportation network and proposed projects
  - Recommended design criteria and considerations
- Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation

## 2. CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS VISIONING

### a. Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement

**Background:** *The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Vision establishes a vision for the future network of regionally significant trail facilities in Central Ohio. Many of the proposed facilities were originally identified along river corridors or constrained roadways but may be more feasible along different routes. Additional trails may also be worth consideration for designation in the COG Vision as regionally significant.*

**Description:** *This activity will allow a community to review the COG Vision in detail within their jurisdiction to refine the proposed trail facilities and develop a strategy for prioritizing and implementing those proposed facilities. Completion of this activity should lead to a feasibility study or application for funding to design and/or implement the identified facilities.*

#### **Examples of past services:**

- *Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks – Scioto Trail Southern Extension*

#### **Anticipated Services:**

- Review existing plans and projects
  - Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
  - MORPC will review plans, proposed projects, and COG Vision to establish working base map for refinement
- Data development and analysis
  - MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary to identify potential routes
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing plans, identify alternatives, and develop strategies for implementation
- Finalize potential route options and implementation strategies
  - MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into summary of potential COG routes and related recommendations

#### **Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Technical documentation including:
  - Potential routes and any relevant opportunities/constraints
  - Recommended network connections and access points
- Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation

## 2. CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS VISIONING

### b. Trail Access Improvements Planning

**Background:** The recently completed Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Trail Prioritization study identified critical gaps in access to the regional trail network within Franklin County. The COG Trail Prioritization study and Active Transportation Plan (ATP) can both be used to guide assessment of trail access, as well as the level of stress associated with existing trail access, and identification of new/improved connections to trails in any community.

**Description:** This activity will review trail accessibility in any community to identify potential improvements. Completion of this activity should lead to a temporary demonstration or pilot project along an identified connection, and/or an application for funding to design and/or implement the identified access improvements.

#### **Examples of past services:**

- City of Columbus Downtown and Near-East Side Trail Access and Connectivity
- City of Dublin Regional Trail Network Connectivity
- City of Sunbury Ohio to Erie Trail Access and Connectivity

#### **Anticipated Services:**

- Review existing plans and projects
  - Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
  - MORPC will review plans, proposed projects, and COG Vision to establish working base map for assessing trail access conditions
- Data development and analysis
  - MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary to identify locations and options for improvements
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing conditions and discuss potential improvements
- Finalize priority on-street connections and trail access improvements
  - MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential trail access improvements

#### **Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Technical documentation including:
  - Priority connections and any relevant opportunities/constraints
  - Recommended design criteria and considerations
- Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation
- Guidance for implementing a pilot project to demonstrate potential connection or access improvement



### 3. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

#### a. Safety Action Plan Development

**Background:** The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years. The focus of this grant is addressing roadway safety through the reduction and/or elimination of roadway fatalities and serious injuries. In fiscal year 2022 (FY22), up to \$1 billion was available for two different types of grants: Action Plan grants and Implementation grants. In order to be eligible for the Implementation grants, the applicant must have a qualifying Action Plan already in place.

**Description:** This activity will allow a community to conduct a planning process to develop an Action Plan that meets the SS4A grant requirements. Completion of this activity should lead to adoption of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, as well as an application for an SS4A Implementation Grant.

**Anticipated Services:**

- Establish a local task force, steering committee, or implementation group
  - Local agency will identify priority stakeholders to include
- Existing conditions analysis
  - MORPC staff will conduct analysis of crash data to identify key crash types and factors as well as priority safety locations within the community
- Lead up to two (2) workshop for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshop to discuss existing conditions and action plan development
- Identify comprehensive set of strategies and action items to address safety problems
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft of action plan

**Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that meets SS4A grant requirements

### 3. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

#### b. Complete Streets Safety Audit

**Background:** *The Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan released in 2019 identified pedestrians and bicyclists as the most vulnerable users on our regional transportation system. The update to the regional Active Transportation Plan further analyzed crashes involving people walking and bicycling and identified key factors in many of those crashes.*

**Description:** *This activity will allow a community to review crashes involving people walking and bicycling to identify priority location(s) to conduct a detailed audit to determine appropriate improvements for that location. Completion of this activity should lead to a temporary demonstration project or low-cost safety improvements, and an application for funding to design and implement permanent safety improvements.*

**Anticipated Services:**

- Review crashes involving people walking and bicycling within the jurisdiction
  - MORPC staff will conduct analysis of crash data to identify priority location(s) within the community
- Conduct a walk audit of priority location(s)
  - Local agency will identify key stakeholders and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead formal walk audit with key stakeholders
- Lead a workshop for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshop to discuss identified safety challenges and potential safety improvements
- Identify priority safety improvements
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential safety improvements

**Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Technical documentation including:
  - Priority safety locations
  - Recommended safety improvements
- Guidance for implementing a pilot project to demonstrate recommended safety improvement(s)
- Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation

### 3. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

#### c. Systemic Safety Analysis

**Background:** In January 2022, ODOT's [Highway Safety Improvement Program](#) (HSIP) began accepting funding applications for projects that focus on preventing pedestrian crashes through systemic infrastructure improvements. Systemic improvements are meant to be proactive and widely implemented based on roadway features that have been associated with specific crash types. FHWA has identified a range of proven countermeasures that prevent pedestrian crashes, and ODOT wants to encourage project applications that focus on the implementation of these improvements.

**Description:** This activity will allow a community to review pedestrian crashes within their jurisdiction and prioritize potential locations for implementation of specific countermeasures. Completion of this activity should lead to either installation of, or an application for funding to implement, the recommended countermeasures.

**Anticipated Services:**

- Review crashes involving pedestrians within the jurisdiction
  - MORPC staff will conduct analysis of crash data to understand key contributing factors and roadway characteristics
- Conduct a walk audit of key locations
  - Local agency will identify key stakeholders and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead formal walk audit with key stakeholders
- Lead a workshop for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshop to discuss identified safety challenges and potential safety improvements
- Identify priority safety improvements
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into a final list of prioritized locations and preferred countermeasures

**Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Technical documentation for submittal as part of funding application, or inclusion in a local capital budget, including:
  - Map of prioritized locations
  - List of preferred countermeasures with cost estimates
  - Relevant safety metrics for each location

## 4. LAND USE PLANNING

### a. Conceptual Development Framework

**Background:** *As we prepare for the growth projected for the Central Ohio region, many communities are exploring the potential to implement more compact development, increase housing options, and accommodate more modes of transportation. Establishing a clear vision for strategic locations within individual communities can help to address this.*

**Description:** *This activity will allow a community to identify the most relevant best practices and development principles for a particular site or strategic location that will help to set the stage for a future development plan. Completion of this activity should result in establishing a vision and the planning and design principles that future development at an identified site will follow.*

#### **Examples of past services:**

- *City of Hilliard Cemetery Road Conceptual Development Framework*
- *Jefferson Township Blacklick Station Conceptual Development Framework*
- *City of Westerville Brooksedge Office Park Redevelopment Framework*
- *Violet Township Community Center Development Framework*

#### **Anticipated Services:**

- Review existing plans and policies relevant to the selected site
  - Local agency will compile all local plans and relevant materials
  - MORPC will review materials and provide summary of relevant highlights
- Existing conditions analysis
  - MORPC staff will review available data for the selected site to develop working base map and identify challenges/opportunities
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshops to provide overview of study, existing conditions and plans, and relevant best practices
- Identify potential opportunities for implementation in the community
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft of potential options

#### **Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Conceptual Development Framework including:
  - Identified opportunities
  - Relevant best practices
  - Key development principles
  - Potential next steps for implementation

## 4. LAND USE PLANNING

### b. Transit Oriented Development Planning

**Background:** *The insight2050 Corridor Concepts study identified key strategies for building truly transit-supportive corridors and transit-oriented development. As new initiatives like LinkUS work to implement recommendations from the Corridor Concepts study, it will be important for all communities in the region to identify opportunities to further the goals of insight2050.*

**Description:** *This activity will allow a community to assess local policies and codes and identify where improvements can be made to provide more opportunity for transit-supportive development. Completion of this activity could result in potential policy or code updates, or a site-specific strategy for transit-oriented development.*

**Anticipated Services:**

- Review existing plans and policies, and/or site conditions
  - Local agency will compile all local plans and relevant materials
  - MORPC will review materials and outline where improvements can be made regarding design & implementation of transit oriented development
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
  - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
  - MORPC staff will lead workshops to discuss priorities and challenges related to transit oriented development
- Identify potential best practices for implementation in the community
  - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft of potential options

**Anticipated Deliverables:**

- Technical documentation including:
  - Potential best practices for implementation
- Strategy document identifying next steps and implementation

## 5. OTHER

### **Parameters for “Other” Activity Type**

**Description:** *If a community is interested in applying for a project that differs from the project types outlined above, the application must include a detailed scope that aligns with the parameters specified below.*

- Technical assistance should focus on moving from plan/concept to implementation.
- Activity should align with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Active Transportation Plan (ATP), or Central Ohio Greenways Vision.
- Applicant must provide a detailed scope of work.

# PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

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The following criteria must be met in order to be considered eligible for the MORPC TA Program:

- The applicant is a local government or MORPC member within the [Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\) boundary](#).
- Services requested are within the scope of services offered or within the scope of the TA Program and/or MORPC staff expertise.
- Application must be complete (including signed letter of commitment).
- Application must be received prior to the application deadline.

If an applicant selected for technical assistance cannot be initiated for any reason, at no fault of MORPC, the applicant must withdraw the application from the application pool and forfeit its award of technical assistance. Applications may be resubmitted for consideration in the next application cycle.

If an applicant selected for technical assistance fails to complete the selected activity within the expected six to nine month timeframe, the member community engaged in the program may be asked to provide one or more of the following:

- Documentation explaining why the activity failed to be completed within the given timeframe
- Agreement extension executed by member community and MORPC

# APPLICATION PROCESS

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All eligible MORPC members are invited to submit an application for the 2023 TA Program cycle. The application will be available to all eligible members beginning on November 10, 2022. **Program applications must be submitted to MORPC by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, December 9, 2022.**

The application consists of application criteria and required documentation. An evaluation committee will assess completed applications based on the criteria outlined below and further described on *pages 21-22* of this document.

**Application criteria** – Applications will be scored based on the application criteria listed in the table below. The highest-scoring application will be the first selected to receive technical assistance; the next highest-scoring eligible application will be the second selected to receive technical assistance; and so on until budget is exhausted or until all eligible applications have been awarded. It is possible that not all applications will be awarded technical assistance.

Application Criteria	Points
Community Objectives	25
MTP Strategies	20
Implementing Regional Priorities	20
Equity Considerations	15
Local Commitment and Collaboration	10
Leveraging Investment	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**Required documentation** – Applicant communities must submit a signed letter of commitment from the local governments' elected officials or department director as part of their application.

**The required documentation must be submitted to MORPC no later than the application deadline of 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, December 9, 2022.**

# APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES

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As part of the applicant commitment to receiving technical assistance services from MORPC, the following requirements will apply:

- Designation of staff time commitment and staff member as Project Manager
- Provision of any relevant data or materials that MORPC does not already have
- Regularly scheduled (bi-weekly preferred) check-ins with MORPC staff
- Identification of and regular communications with appropriate community stakeholders
- Participation from all departments within the local agency relevant to the project
- Consistent and timely review of all project materials submitted



# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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The application for the 2023 TA Program cycle will be made available on **Monday, November 10, 2022**. All members interested in applying for technical assistance through the TA Program must submit an application by **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, December 9, 2022**.

The application will consist of the following:

1) **Applicant Information**

- a) MORPC Member
- b) Project Manager
- c) Phone Number
- d) Email Address
- e) Mailing Address

2) **Activity Type**

Please select a Technical Assistance activity from the drop-down list.

3) **Preferred Scope of Work**

Please submit your preferred scope of work, including an estimated schedule, for the selected activity type.

4) **Staff Commitment**

Based on the identified scope of work and estimated activity schedule, how many person hours (per week, per month, or total) does the applicant intend to commit to the activity?

5) **Community Objectives** (25 points) (500 word maximum)

Please describe the significance of the proposed activity. What are the objectives and what is the perceived benefit to the community? How will an award of technical assistance through the TA Program improve the activity?

6) **MTP Strategies** (20 points) (500 word maximum)

Please indicate how the selected activity will advance specific strategies from the MTP focused on improving active transportation and transit infrastructure. Your response should address at least two (2) and up to five (5) of the most applicable strategies. Refer to the Program Purpose on page 3 for the specific strategies.

7) **Implementing Regional Priorities** (20 points) (500 word maximum)

Please describe how the selected activity will help to implement project(s) in alignment with the MTP, ATP, or COG Vision.

**8) Equity Considerations (15 points) (500 word maximum)**

Please describe how the selected activity will address transportation needs of transportation disadvantaged and/or underserved populations within your community.

Transportation disadvantaged or underserved populations may include:

- Low-income
- Minorities
- Senior Citizens
- Veterans
- Children / Minors
- Persons with mental / physical disabilities
- College Students
- Or other groups that are often (unintentionally) excluded from planning processes

**9) Local Commitment and Collaboration (10 points) (500 word maximum)**

To be awarded assistance through the TA Program, communities must commit to designating a community staff person as Project Manager.

Above and beyond this minimum requirement, please indicate how the selected activity will engage relevant community stakeholders – for example: interdepartmental staff, elected officials, school district representatives, civic associations, chambers of commerce, or advocacy groups – to participate in the technical assistance process? Identify potential stakeholders below and describe how their involvement would increase the success of the activity. Examples may include in-kind commitments of stakeholder staff time and resources, demonstrated public-private collaboration, committee participation, etc.

**10) Leveraging Investment (10 points) (500 word maximum)**

How will MORPC technical assistance services be leveraged to implement active transportation and transit infrastructure?

**11) Required Documentation**

To ensure elected community leaders and/or department directors recognize that staff are requesting technical assistance through the MORPC TA Program, a letter of commitment signed by a local leader or department director must accompany the application. No points are awarded for required documentation, however, failure to submit will result in the application being ineligible. Required documentation must be submitted to MORPC no later than the application deadline of **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, December 9, 2022**.

## Application Checklist & Timeline

- Optional for all applicants** – Participate in a MORPC TA Program informational webinar on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022** for more details about the program and application process
- Required for all applicants** – Submit an application and required documentation by **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, December 9, 2022**.



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Director

DATE: October 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-15-22: **“ADOPTING GOALS FOR THE 2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN”**

The attached resolution adopts goals to be used in developing the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP is the federally required, long-range, regional transportation plan, updated by MORPC every four years. The goals are six statements upon which the MTP will be developed. The goals are meant to address broad regional issues that can be impacted through a wide range of transportation strategies and projects.

The proposed goals were carried forward, with small modifications, to be consistent with those of the currently adopted 2020-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as well as other regional plans and initiatives recently completed and underway by MORPC and regional partners. They are also consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA or BIL), the federal transportation legislation, and regulations with which MORPC's transportation planning must comply. The proposed goals were presented during the October 2022 committee meetings and were made available for public review and comment from October 4 through November 4, 2022.

These goals will be used for developing objectives to measure how the region is achieving the adopted goals, as well as for developing criteria for evaluating strategies and projects to be included in the MTP. The measurable objectives and the criteria will be brought before the Transportation Policy Committee for approval over the next few months.

Attachment: Resolution T-15-22

RESOLUTION T-15-22

**“ADOPTING GOALS FOR THE 2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN”**

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is developing the federally required, long-range, regional transportation plan for the MPO area that will include goals, shown in the attachment, that will guide regional transportation strategies and projects; and

WHEREAS, the goals are consistent with other MORPC regional planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the goals are consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA or BIL), the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC's transportation planning must comply; and

WHEREAS, IIJA requires a performance-based transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the goals will be used for developing measurable objectives in accordance with IIJA to measure how the region is achieving the adopted goals; and

WHEREAS, the goals were distributed for public and member review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its November 2, 2022 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its November 2, 2022 meeting recommended approval of these goals; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it adopts the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan goals as shown in the attachment.
- Section 2. That it directs staff to develop measurable objectives for the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan goals consistent with IIJA.
- Section 3. That it directs staff to develop a process to evaluate strategies and candidate projects for inclusion in the MTP based on advancing the goals and meeting the objectives.
- Section 4. That it directs staff to bring the measurable objectives and evaluation process, once developed, to the Transportation Policy Committee for approval.
- Section 5. 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.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Attachment: Goals for the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan

**Attachment: Goals for the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

*By guiding investment in transportation and mobility infrastructure and services in Central Ohio, the MTP identifies strategies to advance the following six goals:*

- Position central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.
- Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve all residents' quality of life.
- Provide transportation and mobility options to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people.
- Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.
- Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.
- Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.