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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.

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

Date

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

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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.