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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMISSION MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
TOWN HALL

Thursday, February 9, 2023
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m.
- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 2. Welcome and Introductions** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
 - 3. Executive Director's Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Update** – Níel Jurist, MORPC Senior Director of Communications
 - **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

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Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary

4. **Proposed Resolution 01-23: “Accepting Marion County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission”** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Committees

5. **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Christina Drummond (City of Powell), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair
 - **Regional Population Forecast** – Dave Dixon, MORPC Director of Data Analytics and Strategy
6. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
7. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
 - **Air Quality End of Season Report** – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC Sustainability Officer
8. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - a. **Call to Order** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
 - Programming – Thea Ewing, MORPC Chief Regional Development Officer & Senior Director of Programming and Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director
 - c. **2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Thea Ewing, MORPC Chief Regional Development Officer & Senior Director of Programming and Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director
 - **Proposed Resolution T-1-23: “Adopting Objectives and Performance Measures to be included in the 2040-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan”** – Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director
 - d. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of **December 8, 2022 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

- e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas
(Franklin County), MORPC Chair

9. Commission Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of **December 8, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes**
- b. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

10. Other Business

2:45 p.m. **11. Adjourn** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair

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

The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, March 9, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
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MORPC Monthly Agency Report

December 2022/January 2023

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CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

Mobility Management

MORPC is reaching out to community agencies to form an advisory committee for Franklin County. MORPC and ODOT are working towards finalizing the Gohio Mobility Platform which is anticipated to launch in the first half of 2023 to be a statewide accessibility tool.

Gohio Commute

Two new vanpools were added traveling to the Chalmer P. Wylie VA Center. A marketing campaign ran focused specifically on vanpooling and carpooling with the goal to increase awareness. Promotion included programmatic digital banners and pre-roll videos, Facebook ads, Instagram ads, and Connected TV.

Active Transportation

Team Members are reviewing submittals from consultants to have an active transportation (bike/ped) network created, along with scalable methodology to improve accessibility measures. A small selection committee is being assembled with both internal and external stakeholders. Sidewalk inventory layers are being reviewed and updated in preparation for the Active transportation network.

The next MORPC Active Transportation Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 14, 10 a.m. to Noon.

MORPC is collaborating with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) on active transportation planning assistance to Franklin Township.

MORPC is hosting virtual group viewings of the [APBP monthly webinars](#) again in 2023. The webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov (jpetrov@morpc.org) if interested in attending any of the viewings.

Transportation Safety

MORPC proposed draft strategies supporting the City of Columbus' VisionZero 2.0 initiative.

Technical Assistance Program

MORPC received six applications for the 2023 Technical Assistance Program. Based on assessments from a formal evaluation committee and staff capacity for 2023, the following five Central Ohio communities were awarded: Berlin Township, Brown Township, City of Delaware, City of Grove City, and Violet Township. Four of the five awards focus on providing services related to active transportation planning and Central Ohio Greenways vision refinement. The fifth award includes development of a local safety action plan. Kick-off meetings were held to review activity scopes, establish timelines, and introduce the project teams.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

The COG Board met January 18 to review working group reports and approve the agenda for the Spring 2023 COG Board Retreat.

- Trail Development and Partnership Working Group met December 15. Members requested advice on nomenclature for trail types and names and strategies for cohesive trail name hierarchy on signage. MORPC is beginning a wayfinding study with a consultant in February. The consultant will be tasked with offering advice on hierarchy and nomenclature.
- The Marketing/Communications and Operations/Access Joint Working Group met December 13. The group developed a strategy for incorporated curated trips into the Outdoor Trails Passport and hopes to launch an updated pass in April. The group will also offer advice on the COG website update, a brand refresh, and the Rails to Trails Celebrate Trails Day.

MORPC and the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks partnered on a trail count equipment pilot project that launched in the summer of 2021. The results are available in a final project report that provides equipment recommendations to regional partners as well as a detailed model for collaboration between MORPC and partners to collect, process, and analyze data moving forward. MORPC is seeking grant funding to update the non-motorized count program based on recommendations from the report. Additionally, MORPC will purchase five trail counters to be installed by partners along the Ohio to Erie Trail.

Central Ohio Blueways

An Advisory Panel was formed and convened January 27. The initial meeting reintroduced Central Ohio Blueways as an initiative in Central Ohio aimed at promoting natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation in partnership with MORPC members, RAPID 5, and other community partners. The Advisory Panel is anticipated to meet monthly for 6 to 8 months and will focus on providing direction and guidance towards Water Trail Designation through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for the Central Ohio Blueways Team and Partnership Groups.

RAPID 5

MORPC is engaging with RAPID 5 on its Central Ohio Greenways and Blueways programming. Team Members continue to provide transitional support to RAPID 5, which includes assisting with processing speaker requests and presentation needs. MORPC is also assisting with developing a resource library of data, resources, insights and information about pertinent topics, including land use, multi-modal transportation systems, sustainability, economic development, etc. MORPC attended all RAPID 5 organized local government meetings to share more about the direction of RAPID 5. Stay up to date with RAPID 5 news and events at rapid5.org. MORPC's main contact for the RAPID 5 initiative is Chief Regional Strategy Officer, Kerstin Carr (KCarr@morpc.org).

Regional Housing Strategy

Team Members discussed regional growth and housing/development needs with several audiences, including local media, in-person presentations to community groups and conversations with MORPC members. Ongoing coordination with industry organizations includes Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, Affordable Housing Trust, BIA, City of Columbus, and others.

MORPC is accepting requests for presentations and workshops. Team Members will work with you to design the agenda, including recommended speakers and learning objectives. Contact Jennifer Noll for more information (JNoll@morpc.org).

Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Sustainability Advisory Committee met December 14. Agenda items included a Summit on Sustainability recap, US EPA Air Monitoring Grant overview, Blueways presentation, and more. Team Members are working to wrap up member appointments for the 2023-2024 term and will host a new member orientation in February. The next meeting is February 15.

Sustainable2050

The December 9 meeting included an overview of member priorities and speakers from MORPC, Ohio EPA, and SWACO providing information about funding opportunities to support priorities in the areas of waste reduction, natural resources, and energy/climate. MORPC partnered with The Ohio State University's City & Regional Planning Program and Sustainability Institute to provide free technical assistance for jurisdictions and organizations associated with MORPC's Sustainable2050 initiative. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to work with several of OSU's studios and capstones. The deadline to apply is February 10.

Contact Brandi Whetstone (bwehtstone@morpc.org) for more information and to apply. Membership and tier status certification is open to MORPC members. Contact Brandi Whetstone for more information.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The Sustaining Scioto Board met December 15 and heard a presentation from Dr. Linda Weavers, co-Director, Ohio Water Resources Center- OSU as well as a presentation from Chris Yoder with the Midwest Biodiversity Institute. The next meeting is February 23.

- The Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team met January 19. Members listened to a presentation from Kristy Hawthorne, Director of Licking Soil and Water Conservation District. The Team discussed a potential field day event in April targeted at farmers, landowners, and the public. The next meeting is March 16.

Ohio Water Resources Planning Work

MORPC and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency hosted a Central Ohio Water and Wastewater Planning Workshop on December 6 with over 80 attendees representing municipalities and other local governments, county engineers, regional planners, administrators, water and wastewater superintendents, consultants, and others. Participants discussed water quality issues and wastewater planning and expansion efforts. Speakers shared funding and resources available for communities to move to a long-term strategic planning effort.

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

The Energy & Air Quality Working Group met January 24 and elected 2023 chair and vice chair. The group heard 2023 programmatic approaches and priorities.

- The Power Siting Issues Subcommittee met January 20. The subcommittee provided feedback as MORPC develops its “Education, Engagement, & Empowerment Strategy” to provide guidance on all aspects surrounding utility-scale solar and SB 52. The subcommittee expressed interest in utilizing federal funding opportunities to double as an economic development tool. The next meeting will be held sometime in mid- to late February 2023

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project

Team Members coordinated with community partners to assist with writing letters of support and to determine interest in being an air quality monitoring site.

Energy Planning

MORPC conducted the City of Columbus’ most recent greenhouse gas inventory in 2021. It was a part of the City’s annual submission to the international nonprofit, Carbon Disclosure Project protocol. The City of Columbus was recognized as one of 122 “A List” cities and counties for taking bold leadership on environmental action and transparency.

The Rickenbacker Energy Consortium (REC) met November 30 at the Rickenbacker Airport. The focus of the meeting was to continue the conversation and to build a roadmap toward clean energy projects. REC’s next meeting is February 9. If interested in learning more or joining, contact Brian Filiatraut (bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

MORPC continues to partner with the City of Columbus, Solar United Neighbors, IMPACT Community Action, and Simply Living to kick off another residential solar co-op round. The second round is expected to open this April.

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 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).

Residents for a Sustainable Central Ohio (RSCO) met December 6. The group heard updates from MORPC and learned about the newly formed Electrify Central Ohio (ECO) group, which focuses on homeowners learning about electric alternatives and new federal incentives for domestic hot waters, induction stovetops, EVs and EV chargers, among other opportunities. The next RSCO meeting is in March.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

RDAC met December 8 to discuss new membership, hear updates from the working groups, and talk about the Regional Data Agenda update.

- The Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group met January 17 to review the current agenda and discuss ways it can be improved for 2023-2025. Over the next six months, the group will assemble a list of proposed agenda items and determine the most impactful evaluation criteria to be used for selection and refinement.
- The Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group is finalizing plans for Data Day, March 1, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Ohio University/Dublin Integrated Education Center. Registration is open at www.morpc.org/event/dataday.
- The Local Government Resources Working Group is seeking recommendations and requests for data policy resources and best practices.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) met December 7 and heard a round-table discussion from local government finance officials on how local budgets are impacted by Intel, inflation, work-from-home, etc. and how data can be used to inform decisions. The next RIDG meeting is March 22.
- The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) next meets February 22.

Data Management

Team Members continue to explore ways to standardize data tools and workflows and to improve data and workflow version control and documentation. They are exploring graphical data pipeline development tools to better document processes and reduce the learning curve.

Data & Research Activities

2022 population estimates for sub-county jurisdictions have been finalized and are expected to be released on MORPC's Population Resource Hub by the end of January.

Team Members continue to work on updating data and visualizations associated with the Regional Housing Strategy Dashboard and the Gentrification and Displacement Risk Analysis.

MORPC and CHRR at OSU are collaborating on an American Population Panel (APP) public opinion poll. The initial survey surrounds transportation needs and experiences. As part of this burgeoning partnership, MORPC is helping expand the APP participants to include more racially, geographically, and socio-economically diverse individuals. Sign up for the APP and learn more at <https://go.osu.edu/JOINNOW>. We encourage everyone to share and help spread the word.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

MORPC continues to participate in digital inclusion efforts, specifically the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition, as well as the Regional Digital Inclusion Alliance for the Central Ohio region in support of a statewide digital inclusion initiative.

Team Members launched a new MBE strategy to focus on supplier diversity and procurement to attract and retain minority-owned businesses and meet the agency's MBE goals.

MORPC participated in the King Arts Complex's 2023 MLK Day Open House to celebrate and honor the legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This annual family-friendly event provides community members with the opportunity to learn about the civil rights movement, enjoy live performances and art, and participate in art activities.

MORPC has a partnership with HBCU Connect, the world's largest pool of Historically Black College University graduates and students. A local organization, HBCU Connect, facilitates the agency's outreach and engagement with students not only in the Central Ohio region, but nationally.

Team Members attended "Moving the Needle on Equity through Corporate and Nonprofit Partnerships," sponsored by the United Way. The conversation focused on the importance of adding diverse, inclusive leadership to nonprofit boards and partnering to support nonprofits led by people of color, while building a more equitable Central Ohio.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

A public comment period was held December 23, 2022 through January 23, 2023 on the proposed objectives and performance measures. Three sets of comments were received, considered, and incorporated as appropriate. MORPC began reviewing local, regional, and state plans and collecting candidate projects to be evaluated for potential inclusion in the fiscally constrained plan. Work continues developing the 2050 population and employment forecast that will inform the plan.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities)

The FTA approved MORPC's program of projects for 5310 funding. Subrecipients were notified in January 2023. MORPC is working on getting approvals through the federal grant system for subrecipients to access their funds. Vehicle orders were placed for past funding rounds as we continue to experience issues related to global production problems. Transit Asset Management planning is underway to update MORPC's three-year plan and coordination with COTA, Delaware County Transit, and Licking County Transit.

US 23 Connect Study

A public comment period was held November 2022 through January 2023. Team Members will review the comments and identify solutions and concepts to be studied in a feasibility study over the Summer 2023. There will be additional public input opportunities in Fall 2023.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

The partners held a public involvement station design workshop for the East Main and West Broad Street corridors on December 5, 2022 and are receiving public input on the conceptual design. MORPC hosted a December 6, 2022 LinkUS grants workshop to discuss strategic planning for going after state and federal funding to complete action steps identified in the LinkUS Community Action Plan. MORPC continues to work with partners to develop and establish a Transit Supportive Infrastructure Committee.

Interregional Connections

An RFP for intercity passenger rail station siting is under final internal review and scheduled for release in February.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

CORPO continues to develop their 2024-2027 TIP, which will be completed in May 2023, and the 2023-2050 Transportation Plan, which will be completed in November 2023.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The first draft of the SFY 2024-2027 TIP was submitted to ODOT on February 1. TIP development continues through the Spring with a final draft completed by March 10, an Open House on March 21, and adoption in May.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

Draft funding recommendations for SFY 2024-2029 are open for public comment through February 8. The funding recommendations include \$148 million in new funding commitments.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

TRAC released their draft funding awards for the Major New Construction Program at their January 25 meeting. The Council is expected to finalize the awards and the full 2023-2026 Program List at its February 22 meeting.

Federal Competitive Programs

Team Members are assisting and supporting several local members with their respective RAISE grant applications.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

Team Members are creating one-page project descriptions for identified projects for use as presentation materials when MORPC meets with Central Ohio's Congressional Representatives and Senators.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Following submission of the Economic Development District designation application, Team Members continue to be in contact with federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) project managers for regular updates. MORPC hosted EDA representative Ellen Heinz to discuss Central Ohio economic development projects.

Brownfield Assessments

MORPC contacted the Mayor of Somerset regarding a final brownfield project under the grant for this year. Team Members hosted a meeting with the Buckeye Hills Regional Council and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding EPA brownfield resources and the Appalachian Community Grant Program.

Funding Opportunities Database

Team Members continue to add and monitor funding opportunities in MORPC's version 1.0 database. Version 2.0 of the funding database is under development and nearing completion.

Energy Funding

Team Members continue collaborate with regional partners on identifying opportunities for clean energy and sustainability. MORPC is working in partnership with Smart Columbus and HNTB to produce an EV Charging Siting Study for MORPC's 15-county region to position our communities to secure competitive, non-NEVI funding.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

Preliminary Screeners for Round 17 were due December 9, 2022 and applicant presentations were January 10, 2023. The Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) received six preliminary applications and provided feedback to applicants on eligibility and any clarifications needed in the Final Applications. Final applications are due March 10, 2023. For more information, contact Edwina Teye at (eteye@morpc.org).

PAY IT FORWARD

Local Government Summer Intern Program

The Local Government Summer Intern Program is in the recruiting and matching phase. MORPC member governments are eligible to participate as hosts. Interns work for a host for a minimum of 16 hours to a maximum of 40 hours per week for a 14-week period from Tuesday, May 9 through Friday, August 11. Hosts pay a fee of \$650 and the hourly wage (minimum is \$15 per hour). To access the intern request form, click [here](#). Program information was shared through social media and by working with colleges and universities, professional organizations, and more to connect young leaders with an opportunity to explore a career in public service.

Ohio University Voinovich Academy

The Ohio University Voinovich Academy: Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials begins Friday, February 24. Designed for newly elected officials (or experienced officials needing a refresher), this introductory series will promote a high-level understanding of topics essential to effective service as a local council, board, or commission member. Registration is now open. Class sizes are limited. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

Upcoming Events

The Central Ohio Supply Chain Economic Outlook & Impact on Infrastructure is Tuesday, February 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MORPC. With emerging industries and our strong commitment to a wide range of existing manufacturers, we will provide an update on current considerations as we conduct infrastructure planning to accommodate accelerated growth in our region. Find out how your community can be impacted. Click [here](#) to register.

Register for MORPC's State of the Region, March 31 at the (new) Hilton Columbus Downtown. Visit www.morpc.org/sotr for more information.

Save the Date for MORPC's Summit on Sustainability, October 26 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

Public Involvement & Engagement

MORPC promoted the following requests for public input through social media and on our website:

- Technical Assistance Program Application
- First Look: Station Designs for LinkUs Project
- MTP Draft Regional Transportation Plan Objectives and Performance Measures
- Delaware County Transit Public Hearing
- State of the Region Award Nominations
- ODOT U.S. 23 Public Comment Map
- Attributable Funds Public Comment Period

In honor of the holiday season, MORPC executed a social media campaign sharing ideas for individuals to enjoy a sustainable, safe holiday while also showing support for local community businesses.

MORPC participated in a panel discussion hosted by the Central Ohio American Heart Association on January 27. The panel addressed neighborhood quality and heart health, with MORPC speaking to the importance of planning strategically to support a growing region, with a focus on increased housing availability and better access to transportation for all Central Ohioans, including the unique barriers faced by rural communities.

MORPC staff will continue to serve on the Clean Fuels Ohio Outreach & Communications Committee. The Committee reconvened in January and will focus on membership, public involvement, engagement, and sharing best practices.

January is National Radon Action Month. MORPC joined the efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to spread awareness and encourage homeowners to test their homes by purchasing a radon testing kit or hiring a qualified professional.

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

MORPC in the News

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

Residential Services

Team Members are exploring restructuring of some positions to streamline costs.

MORPC is in the process of integrating Ohio Department of Development forms into the Neighborly software system.

WarmChoice

Team Members are bringing on a new contractor and moving forward with an in-house crew helping with production for all programs. Job completions are on par for the first half of January at 23 jobs. Team Members are updating marketing materials due to a change in the rental policy.

HWAP

Production is increasing steadily. Administrative monitoring takes place in February.

Housing

MORPC was approved to move forward with the Healthy Homes grant. Team Members submitted a grant application to the Affordable Housing Trust. MORPC is close to partnering with ECDI for the administrative component of the Contractor Recruitment Proposal.

Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC on January 10:

- Regional Investment Officer Todd Bradley
- GIS Specialist Lacey Stevens
- Mobility Coordinator Emma Strange

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Associate Planner or Engineer
- Executive Scheduler
- Customer Service Specialist
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development Intern

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

RFP/RFQ Postings

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

- Videography Services (closed January 4)
- Active Transportation Network (closed January 6)
- Audio-Visual Services (closed January 11)
- HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Programs 2022
- Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Programs 2022

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



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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: February 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 01-23: **“Accepting Marion County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On December 29, 2022, the Marion County Commissioners approved a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). The attached resolution accepts Marion County as a member of MORPC, which helps meet the desire of MORPC’s membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The net dues will be pro-rated as of the date of membership and assessed to Marion County for 2023 in the amount of \$15,630.

Attachment: Resolution 01-23

RESOLUTION 01-23

“Accepting Marion County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, Marion County recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s mission is to be the regional voice and a catalyst for sustainability and economic prosperity in order to secure a competitive advantage for Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of MORPC’s members to continue to grow for the benefit of strong collaboration on regional issues; and

WHEREAS, Marion County will be assessed dues based on the 2022 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2022, the Marion County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That Marion County is accepted as a member of MORPC effective February 9, 2023.
- Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that two (2) members of the Marion County Board of Commissioners are eligible to serve as voting members or that the Commissioners may appoint up to two (2) members to serve on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That net 2023 dues will be pro-rated as of the date of membership (February 9, 2023) and assessed to Marion County for 2023 in the amount of \$15,630.
- Section 4. That Marion County shall be entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the County based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 6. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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

Effective date:	February 9, 2023
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	February 9, 2023



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director

DATE: January 23, 2023

SUBJECT: **Proposed Resolution T-1-23: “Adopting Objectives and Performance Measures to be included in the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan”**

Resolution T-1-23 builds upon the goals adopted via Resolution T-15-22 for the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and establishes objectives and performance measures to track regional progress in advancing each of the goals. Each objective has several performance measures identified, for which short- and long-term targets will be established. The objectives and performance measures also incorporate the required performance measures from the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) federal performance management program.

The draft objectives were presented to MORPC’s CAC, TAC and Policy Committees in November 2022. The draft objectives and performance measures were posted on the MORPC website, and a comment period was held from December 23, 2022 through January 23, 2023. Comments were received from seven people. These comments were carefully reviewed and considered, however did not result in direct changes to the proposed objectives and performance measures. Many of the suggestions will be incorporated into the methodology for certain performance measures or incorporated during development of strategies.

Recognizing that completion and adoption of the 2024-2050 MTP will not occur until May 2024, benchmark data and target-setting will take place over the course of 2023 so that the best data can be utilized. Adoption of the MTP will reaffirm the MTP objectives and performance measures.

A next step in the 2024-2050 MTP development process is establishing a process for evaluating strategies and candidate projects for inclusion in the MTP. The objectives form the framework for criteria to evaluate candidate transportation projects. Resolution T-1-23 directs staff to develop the evaluation criteria which will be adopted in 2023.

Attachment: Resolution T-1-23

RESOLUTION T-1-23

“Adopting Objectives and Performance Measures to be included in 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 guide regional transportation strategies and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA or BIL), the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC's transportation planning must comply, requires a performance-based transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the goals for the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) were adopted by Resolution T-15-22; and

WHEREAS, Resolution T-15-22 directed staff to develop the objectives and performance measures for the 2024-2050 MTP consistent with the adopted goals and Federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the objectives and performance measures will be used to track progress in advancing the goals of the MTP; and

WHEREAS, the objectives and performance measures, as shown in the attachment were developed based on current available data and rule-making from the U.S. Department of Transportation on incorporating performance measures into the MTP; and

WHEREAS, the objectives and performance measures were distributed for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its January 30, 2023 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its February 1, 2023 meeting recommended approval of these objectives and performance measures; 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 objectives and performance measures in the attachment.
- Section 2: That it directs staff to monitor rule-making guidance from the U.S. Department of Transportation and ODOT with regard to performance measurement requirements.
- Section 3: That it directs staff to develop benchmark data and establishes short- and long-term targets.
- Section 4: That it directs staff to incorporate any updated objectives and performance measure data into the MTP, which will be reaffirmed upon adoption of the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Section 5. 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 6. 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

Prepared by: Programming Department Staff

Attachment: 2024–2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan Objectives and
Performance Measures



2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Objectives and Performance Measures

MORPC has begun the development of the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Columbus Urbanized Area. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the long-range planning document that identifies transportation priorities, strategies, and projects over the next two decades. It is updated on a four-year cycle. We coordinate the development of the MTP with communities throughout Central Ohio and with other local, state, and federal agencies.

The MTP makes the greater Columbus region eligible to receive a large amount of federal transportation funding to improve, maintain, and operate public transit, highways, bikeways, sidewalks, and related facilities. Transportation projects must be included in the MTP to be eligible to receive federal funding.

The MTP is developed based on a set of regional goals. The regional goals guide the development of the MTP and give direction to investments in the regional transportation system and were updated for the 2024-2050 version of the plan. For each of these goals, measurable objectives are developed, that are intended to track regional progress toward advancing the MTP goals, and for developing criteria for evaluating strategies and projects to be included in the MTP.

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) surface transportation legislation established a performance- and outcome-based program. As part of this program, MAP-21 and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act legislation requires that States prepare and use a set of federally established performance measures. The December 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA or BIL) continues the performance measure requirements.

In alignment with federal requirements, ODOT develops performance measures that set targets in the areas of safety, bridge and pavement condition, and roadway performance. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Columbus Urbanized Area, MORPC also participates in the federal performance management program by incorporating performance measures into the MTP. These measures include the federal measures the state and region are required to report on as well as additional measures included specifically for the goals established for the central Ohio region. The objectives and performance measures below are related to the goals and objectives adopted for the 2024-2050



2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

GOAL: Position central Ohio to attract and retain **economic opportunity** to prosper as a region and compete globally

OBJECTIVE: Increase the average number of jobs reachable within 20 minutes and within 40 minutes via automobile, transit, cycling, and walking.

<i>Rationale</i>	2024 Measure
Access to jobs within reasonable travel time is important for the vitality of a region's economy.	Average jobs reachable within 20 and 40 minutes via automobile
	Average jobs reachable within 20 and 40 minutes via transit
	Average jobs within 20 and 40 minutes via low to moderate stress bike network
	Average jobs within 20 and 40 minutes via pedestrian network

OBJECTIVE: Minimize the percentage of total vehicle miles traveled under congested conditions.

<i>Rationale</i>	2024 Measure
Efficient mobility of people and freight is an important element of a vibrant economy.	Percent of travel under congested conditions (during peak hours and daily)
	Number of Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay Per Capita*

OBJECTIVE: Minimize the amount of extra, or buffer, travel time necessary when planning expected trip travel time.

<i>Rationale</i>	2024 Measure
Freight carriers, commuters and businesses need reliable and consistent travel times to ensure the on-time delivery of goods and most efficiently use their time.	Region-wide Uncertainty Index (during peak hours)
	Transit on-time performance percentage
	Travel time reliability ratio*
	Truck Travel Time Reliability Index*

*Measures with asterisks are federally required performance measures



2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

GOAL: Provide transportation and mobility options to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people	OBJECTIVE: Ensure trip travel time for disadvantaged populations is comparable or better than the average for the entire population.	
	Rationale	2024 Measure
	The transportation system should equitably serve all of the region's population.	Average trip travel time for disadvantaged populations compared to the regional average.
	OBJECTIVE: Maintain infrastructure in a state of good repair by minimizing the percentage of bridges and pavements in poor condition and maintaining transit fleet within useful life.	
	Rationale	2024 Measure
	Maintenance and enhancement of existing infrastructure ensures the maximum lifespan and safe use of public investments	Percent of pavements and bridge decks that are in poor and good condition*
		Percent of transit revenue and non-revenue vehicles that exceed useful life benchmark
		Percent of transit facilities that meet FTA benchmarks for condition
	OBJECTIVE: Reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries from crashes.	
	Rationale	2024 Measure
	Crash reduction is a direct measurement of safety.	Total number of fatalities*
		Total Number of serious injuries*
		Number of fatalities per 100 million VMT*
		Number of serious injuries per 100 million VMT*
		Total number of non-motorized fatal and serious injuries*



2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

GOAL: Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve all residents' quality of life	OBJECTIVE: Encourage and support MORPC member communities to adopt complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements.	
	<i>Rationale</i>	<i>2024 Measure</i>
	Complete streets allow for transportation choices, which enhance quality of life.	Percent of MORPC member communities that have adopted complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements.
	OBJECTIVE: Increase the amount of interconnected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.	
	<i>Rationale</i>	<i>2024 Measure</i>
	Sustainable neighborhoods provide adequate bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to provide viable transportation options.	Miles of low to moderate stress bikeways
		Percent of arterials and collectors within urbanized area that have pedestrian facilities (sidewalk or MUP)
		Number of gaps in the low-to-moderate stress bike network
	OBJECTIVE: Target infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people and jobs.	
	<i>Rationale</i>	<i>2024 Measure</i>
	It is important to ensure infrastructure investment serves a large proportion of jobs and population.	Percent of total and disadvantaged population and jobs within 1/2 mile of arterial or collector roadway, transit stop, high-capacity transit stop, low to moderate stress bikeway



2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

<p>GOAL: Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures</p>	<p>OBJECTIVE: Maximize the amount of non-regional transportation dollars (i.e., federal discretionary programs) utilized on regional transportation projects.</p>	
	<p>Rationale</p> <p>Successful funding partnerships are a result of regional collaboration and seeking out innovative solutions.</p>	<p>2024 Measure</p> <p>Percent of funding from non-regional sources.</p>
	<p>OBJECTIVE: Increase the number of projects utilizing innovative initiatives on functionally classified Principal Arterials and above</p>	
	<p>Rationale</p> <p>Encourage initiatives that advance innovation and partnership to deliver and build projects efficiently.</p>	<p>2024 Measure</p> <p>Number/percent of projects utilized innovative initiatives</p>
	<p>OBJECTIVE: Increase the percentage of functionally classified Minor Arterials and above facilities employing coordinated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies and increase the mileage of facilities with vehicle to infrastructure communication capabilities.</p>	
	<p>Rationale</p> <p>ITS provides for maximization of capacity on existing facilities and real-time response to incidents and security issues.</p>	<p>2024 Measure</p> <p>Percent of mileage that utilizes coordinated ITS technologies Percent of network that incorporates digital infrastructure</p>
	<p>OBJECTIVE: Increase the number of transit vehicles and facilities with surveillance capabilities and increase the miles of functionally classified Principal Arterials and above with video surveillance.</p>	
	<p>Rationale</p> <p>Surveillance capabilities allow for real-time response to incidents and security issues.</p>	<p>2024 Measure</p> <p>Percent of transit vehicles and facilities with surveillance capabilities Percent of functionally classified Principal Arterials and above with video surveillance</p>
	<p>OBJECTIVE: Encourage and support MORPC member communities to adopt Smart Streets policies or policies that contain those elements.</p>	
	<p>Rationale</p> <p>Smart streets policies are a tool communities can use to integrate technology into transportation projects.</p>	<p>2024 Measure</p> <p>Percent of MORPC member communities that have adopted smart streets policies or policies that contain those elements.</p>

GOAL: Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies

OBJECTIVE: Reduce the percentage of commuters driving alone, and increase the percentage of commuters riding transit, bicycle, or walking.

<i>Rationale</i>	<i>2024 Measure</i>
Reducing single occupancy auto commutes and increasing commuters using alternative transportation modes will reduce per capita fuel and energy consumption.	Percent of commuters that drive alone* Percent of commuters that ride transit, bicycle, or walk

OBJECTIVE: Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita.

<i>Rationale</i>	<i>2024 Measure</i>
Reducing vehicle miles traveled per person for any trip purpose will reduce per capita fuel and energy consumption.	VMT per capita

OBJECTIVE: Increase the percentage of vehicles using alternative fuels.

<i>Rationale</i>	<i>2024 Measure</i>
Increased use of alternative fuel vehicles is a direct measurement of alternative fuel usage.	Percent of registered vehicles that use alternative fuels Percent of registered vehicles that are electric vehicles

OBJECTIVE: Increase the number of alternative fuel stations.

<i>Rationale</i>	<i>2024 Measure</i>
Alternative fuel infrastructure supports the adoption of alternative fuel vehicles.	Number of electric vehicle charging stations Number of other alternative fuel stations



2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

GOAL: Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.	OBJECTIVE: Reduce emissions from mobile sources to continuously meet EPA air quality standards for each criteria pollutant.	
	Rationale	2024 Measure
	Clean air an essential natural resource and is a key indicator of a healthy community.	Ozone Attainment Status PM2.5 Attainment Status
	OBJECTIVE: Maintain the condition of critical transportation infrastructure to enhance the resiliency of the transportation system.	
	Rationale	2024 Measure
	Maintenance of critical infrastructure during extreme weather events or other disruptions is important for emergency response and the region's economy	Amount of resilient regional infrastructure.



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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2022
Time: 2:33 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present In Person

Chris Amorose Groomes	Jennifer Gallagher	Kim Maggard
Karen Angelou	Tom Homan	Eric Meyer
Joe Begeny	Christine Houk	Megan O'Callaghan
Ron Bullard	Matt Huffman	Eric Richter
Ben Collins	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Kent Shafer
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Michelle Crandall	Erik Janas	Thom Slack
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Brad Ebersole	Emily Keeler	Christie Ward
Shane Farnsworth	Ben Kessler	Nancy White
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Bill LaFayette	Zach Woodruff

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Barry Adler	Chris Harkness	Joe Stefanov
Herb Asher	Glen Marzluf	Brent Welch for Cornell
Greg Butcher	Steve Mazer	Robertson
Chasilyn Carter	Ryan Rivers	

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Rex Castle	Don McDaniel	Ben Stahler
Franklin Christman	Brent Russell	

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Norita Hissong, Village of Gambier

Andy Shifflette, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Erik Janas called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Programming – Thea Ewing, MORPC Chief Regional Development Officer & Senior Director of Programming**

Thea Ewing reported the Federal Railroad Administration encouraged MORPC to apply for funding to continue the hyperloop project. We found a way to leverage not only for that but also for passenger rail for the line from Marysville to Newark. Money received for funding a study could be leveraged for both passenger rail and new technology.

The deadline to apply for funding through the corridor identification program is March 7. MORPC will apply with Amtrak.

Every three to four years, the Federal Highway Administration visits MORPC for a certification review for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). MORPC received two commendations for our work with Gohio Mobility and Seniors with Disabilities and also our online mapping tools. MORPC was the first MPO in the state to hold public involvement meetings at the beginning of the pandemic. We were recognized for being a leader. Ms. Ewing recognized Nick Gill for his leadership.

Applications for the Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants are due February 28. These are traditionally infrastructure projects with safety, collaboration, multimodal innovation and equity components. MORPC will support projects from the region.

2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Thea Ewing, MORPC Chief Regional Development Officer & Senior Director of Programming

Thea Ewing gave an update on the [2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#). The regional goals were adopted in line with strategic planning efforts. We are now working on objectives. Objectives and targets are tied to every goal. The annual report card is based on the targets and objectives. The objectives will be presented for adoption in February.

Proposed Resolution T-17-22: “Amending the SFY 2023 Planning Work Program” – Thea Ewing, MORPC Chief Regional Development Officer & Senior Director of Programming

The Planning Work Program Amendment includes MORPC and LCATS service area models and incorporates intricacies needed for upcoming development needs. MORPC is working with communities to update land use files. ODOT awarded MORPC one million dollars to do this work in Central Ohio.

Tom Homan made a motion to approved Resolution T-17-22, second by Karen Angelou; motion passed.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Tom Homan made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, a second was made; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Michelle Crandall, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Called to Order – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair

Chair Erik Janas called the Commission meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Janas acknowledged the following public service professionals with over 30 years of professional experience:

- Paul Benedetti – Logan County Commissioner and former Chamber Executive
- Chris Schmenk – Union County Commissioner, former Mayor of Marysville and well-respected attorney at Bricker & Eckler LLP
- Andy Ware – Morrow County Economic Development Director and former Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Tom Whiston – Morrow County Commissioner, Vice President of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, former Mayor of Mt. Gilead and respected Pharmacist

Recognition of Guests – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Eileen Leuby welcomed Rex Castle, City of London; Andy Volenik, Delaware County Transit; and Jeremy VanMeter, City of Gahanna.

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

William Murdock thanked those who attended the affordable housing panel discussion preceding the Commission meeting. Mr. Murdock thanked and congratulated those who are stepping away from office.

MORPC is looking for more resources for the region. We are talking to members about federal and state funds and strategies to go after them.

Mr. Murdock encouraged members to help push the distracted driving legislation over the finish line.

Mr. Murdock reminded members that he has been highlighting MORPC's Strategic Framework this fall, and those initiatives are in MORPC's budget. The framework knits together the various plans and regional strategies that shape the work we do collectively across the region. As this is a member-driven organization, members can get involved and help shape the policies for the region.

MORPC has been working on restoring passenger rail to Central Ohio. We met with the Federal Railroad Administration on Monday and spoke to state leadership last week. A notice of funding opportunity was issued yesterday for the next phase of funding. Earlier this week Amtrak updated their vision maps which now includes a line from Columbus to Chicago and from Columbus to Pittsburgh. It already included the Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, Cleveland line. Mr. Murdock thanked Thea Ewing for her efforts. We also submitted a CRSSA grant application for a line from Marysville to Newark.

RAPID 5 will continue to house at MORPC a little longer. RAPID 5 announced their new board of directors with MORPC's Kerstin Carr serving on the board. They are meeting with communities around Franklin County.

Nominations are open for the State of the Region awards presented at the March 31 State of the Region. This year's theme is focused on transportation. Mr. Murdock thanked Níel Jurist and her team for their work on the event.

There is an Open House December 9 for the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs Masters Program. All MORPC member employees are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship.

Proposed Resolution 16-22 – “Accepting the City of London as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Joe Antram made a motion to approve Resolution 16-22, second by Tom Homan; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 17-22 – “Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2023” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director and Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief Operating Officer

William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler presented the [2023 Budget](#). Mr. Murdock reviewed the context and focus for the 2023 budget. Shaped by the Strategic Framework, the budget focuses on four major areas:

- Advance the Strategic Framework
- Be assertive in uncertain times
- Enhance the MORPC Team
- Strengthen operations & reporting

The budget also spotlights Residential Services. MORPC’s residential programs help stabilize and improve housing for the most vulnerable. The programs are challenging to run but important. The budget allows us to further look at scenarios and how we can improve the programs. Mr. Murdock also shared how the 2023 budget advances the goals of the Strategic Framework. It is really important to the agency that members receive a return on their investment.

Mr. Hufstedler reviewed the budget which begins with the Executive Summary. The actual budget is on page six followed by a Detail of Member Dues, a Schedule of Appropriations, and an appendix with several detailed schedules providing additional back-up to the budget. Mr. Hufstedler thanked Finance Director Anthony Perry, Accountant Betsy Hunkar and Mr. Murdock for their work in producing the budget.

The 2023 budget is \$23,231,714, an increase of \$1.2 million over last year. Federal funding continues to be the largest revenue source. Salaries and Benefits make up approximately 43 percent of the agency budget. This is more than last year due to additional FTEs, COLA and merit increases and a few promotions/wage adjustments. Member dues are slightly higher than last year due to acceptance of new members, population changes, and dues rate increases.

Appropriations are listed in the resolution.

Ben Stahler made a motion to approve Resolution 17-22, second by Ben Kessler; motion passed.

Committees

Chair Janas announced he will be appointing a Nominating Committee in January.

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair

Brad Ebersole presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) met this week for end of year reporting from all working groups and to look forward to the year ahead. Chair Ebersole highlighted progress made in 2022.

The Government Resources Working Group produced a *prototype* Resource Library with reference materials and other supporting documentation in each of the priority domains. Plans include the addition of more library resources and posting the content publicly on MORPC's website early in the new year.

The Regional Information & Data Working Group met yesterday. They received insights from city auditors from Columbus, Dublin, Marysville, and Mount Vernon on how they use community data, inflation's impact on local governments, and post-COVID work environment's impact on local government finances. The meeting also included a Member Interest Survey to help guide the working group's focus in 2023.

RDAC will begin updating the Regional Data Advisory Agenda in early January. This includes reviewing the latest progress around the current objectives to inform and improve our work as we look ahead to 2023-2024. The agenda should be ready mid-year.

If you are interested in joining RDAC, contact Kerstin Carr or Dave Dixon.

Data Day, in partnership with Ohio University, is March 1, on Ohio University's Dublin Campus. Data Day is an opportunity to learn more about what our region is doing to promote data-driven decision-making and how various communities are using data, securing and governing data, and visualizing data. A virtual option will be available.

Regional Policy Roundtable – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

David Scheffler presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). The Regional Policy Roundtable met November 15 and adopted the 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda which is before the Commission today for adoption. Mayor Scheffler thanked the Public Policy Agenda Working Group members, especially Chair Lourdes Barroso de Padilla.

- **Proposed Resolution 18-22: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda” – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations**

Joe Garrity thanked Kyle Probert for his work in producing the 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda which follows the current framework of lead goals and collaborative goals. The key changes emphasize MORPC's strategic framework; enhance affordable housing advocacy, and elevate key regional projects.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 18-22, second by Bill LaFayette; motion passed.

- **Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Engagement**

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

- 2023 National Association of Regional Councils Conference
- Monthly Legislative Update – imbedded in Members Newsletter
- Federal Funding
- Regional Investment Officer
- HB 283 – Distracted Driving
- Lame Duck Session
- Ohio House Leadership
- Central Ohio Defense Group

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

Ben Kessler presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). Mayor Kessler thanked Ohio EPA for supporting and participating in the December 6 Central Ohio Water & Wastewater Planning Forum. Presentations featured MORPC's Central Ohio Water Resources Planning (or 208 planning); the efforts by OSU's Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center to develop updated precipitation data estimates to inform water planning; and Ohio EPA's wastewater planning process, permitting processes, and the available financial assistance to support water and wastewater planning, as well as the design and construction phases.

Nearly 100 trail planners, advocates, elected officials, park planners, and trail users participated in the December 6 Winter Trail Forum hosted by the Central Ohio Greenways Board. RAPID 5 shared their vision, MORPC shared updates on regional trail planning projects including a wayfinding and trail town project, and each county had the opportunity to share updates on trail work happening in their communities. The keynote panel featured Geno Tucker, Remember Us Urban Scouts and Angela Mitchell, Black Women in Nature.

The Sustainable2050 member highlight this month is the City of Whitehall and their food waste drop off program. Whitehall launched the free program in late September and has more than 100 residents registered. Since then, their third-party food waste courier collected 626 pounds of food waste.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee's next meeting is December 14. Member appointments are being finalized. New member orientation is planned before the February meeting.

- **Proposed Resolution 19-22: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into and administer a contract for up to \$500,000 with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to implement particle pollution monitoring, modeling, and community engagement efforts in Franklin County"** – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning

Kerstin Carr gave a presentation on the [U.S. EPA Grant for Air Quality Monitoring](#). A joint proposal submitted by MORPC and Franklin County Public Health was selected to receive a U.S. EPA Community Air Quality Monitoring grant of \$500,000 over three years. The project will leverage and expand the scope of our current PurpleAir neighborhood air monitoring project, with a focus on areas that are most vulnerable to health impacts from air pollution and COVID-19.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 19-22, a second was made; motion passed.

Transportation Policy Committee – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair

Chair Janas called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:33 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:53 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Laurie Jadwin made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Michelle Crandall, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission