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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

February 27, 2023
5:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

- 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions – LaGrieta Acheampong, Chair**
- 5:32 p.m. Approval of January 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
- 5:33 p.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC, Jennifer Noll, MORPC**
- Transit Agency Reports
 - Delaware County Transit – Nick Gill, MORPC
- 5:40 p.m. Resolutions**
- T-2-23 Adopting MORPC Attributable Funding Commitments – Thomas Graham, MORPC, Elliott Lewis, MORPC
 - T-3-23 Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham, MORPC
 - T-4-23 Adopting Updated Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Central Ohio Ozone Maintenance Area – Maria Schaper, MORPC

6:00 p.m. 2024 - 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

Chris Amorose Groomes
Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary

- 2024 – 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Maria Schaper, MORPC

6:15 p.m. Informational Items

- Transportation Review Advisory Council Project List Update – Elliott Lewis, MORPC
- State Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program
- State Fiscal Year 2024 Planning Work Program

6:45 p.m. Other Business

7:00 p.m. Adjourn

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**The next CAC meeting is
May 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Community Committee Meeting Minutes



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Date: **January 30, 2023**
Time: **5:30 p.m.**
Location: **MORPC**

Members Present

Acheampong, LaGrieta
Allman, Bill
Beltran, Hugo
Bohnert, Eli
Dorsey, Dana (online)

Girves, Catherine (online)
Ilmi, Naima
Needleman, William
Paul, David
Rist, John

Roehm, Bob
Rollins, Helen
Samuels, Tiana
Weiss, Ira

Guests

Ellingston, Kelsey
Salyers, Tanya

MORPC Staff

Cardoni, Lauren
Dixon, Dave
Ewing, Thea
Gardocki, John
Gill, Nick
Graham, Thomas
Hampton, Ralonda

Heider, John (online)
Jurist, Niel
Kwarteng-Crooklynn, Prince
Matson, Kelsey
Murdock, William
Noll, Jennifer
Olmstead, Patty

Rapp, Melissa (online)
Ratliff, Chuck
Schaper, Maria
Strange, Emma
Vonstein, Melinda
Whetstone, Brandi (online)

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Chair Acheampong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Approval of November 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Chair Acheampong asked for a motion to approve the November 28, 2022. Mr. Weiss moved; Mr. Allman seconded; and the motion passed.

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

- Mr. Murdock announced Thea Ewing will be leaving MORPC for a position with HNTB in Columbus, Ohio, in February 2023. Nick Gill will be appointed as the interim Senior Director of Programming.
- Mr. Murdock thanked and congratulated Nick Gill for 30 years of employment with MORPC.

- Mr. Gill introduced Emma Strange as MORPC's new Mobility Manager. Ms. Strange is new to the area from Michigan. She is in the process of meeting with other Mobility Managers and forming a committee to inform on Franklin County's mobility goals.
- Mr. Gill provided date and time information for the 2023 State of the Region, and asked committee members to save the date for March 31, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. Visit www.morpc.org/sotr for more information.
- Mr. Gill informed the committee that MORPC is moving forward with working with the State of Ohio to be an applicant for passenger rail projects. MORPC is also in contact with the Fort Wayne MPO to work on the possible Chicago – Columbus – Pittsburgh line, and others in the Toledo and Detroit area to discuss the Toledo – Detroit line.
 - Mr. Allman asked if the State of Ohio does not file a formal proposal if MORPC would file its own, and if anyone on the committee is a member of All Aboard Ohio, as members are concerned the State of Ohio may not meet the March deadline.
 - Mr. Murdock stated MORPC is optimistic the state will apply. MORPC is committed to the 3C+D Corridor not missing the deadline in March and appreciates the efforts of groups like All Aboard Ohio.
- Mr. Gill addressed the recent Dispatch article regarding an "outer-outer" belt in Columbus. Mr. Murdock sent the Dispatch an op-ed expressing MORPC's stance which was published on January 31, 2023 and emailed to committee members.
- Mr. Gill provided an updated from the Delaware County Transit January 2023 Board Meeting. Delaware County Transit approved to become a member of NEORide, a subgroup of the Ohio Transit Risk Pool. DCT is discontinuing their fixed route/express style service from the City of Delaware to the OhioHealth Africa Rd. Campus on 1/31/23.
- Mr. Gill notified the committee that the TRAC meeting for January 25, 2023 was cancelled, and no draft award list was released. Committee members can expect the award list at the February 27, 2023 CAC meeting.
- Ms. Ellingsen and Ms. Salyers proved an update from COTA. May services changes will take effect on Monday May 1, 2023. The changes are identical to the January 2023 service changes. COTA is expecting some frequency reductions to multiple lines, especially on weekends, due to staff reductions. The Public Comment period is currently open. COTA will be able to receive comments on proposed service changes until their final announcement on April 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and April 18, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. COTA is actively recruiting for operators and is offering higher wages and bonuses.
 - Mr. Paul requested a COTA recruitment flyer be distributed to committee members.
- Ms. Noll provided an update from RAPID 5. In January 2023, MORPC joined RAPID 5 to hold a series of "listening sessions" with Central Ohio local governments. There was good turnout and representation at all four of these listening sessions. Sessions took place across the region and brought together communities of all sizes with a conversation focused on what RAPID 5 calls "our north star" – the ability of nature, access, and connections to enable Central Ohioans to thrive. Communities were asked to think critically about both micro-level and macro-level needs and opportunities, and to share their ideas for

what's missing or needed and how RAPID 5 can best support the region to fill that need. The RAPID 5 team is now doing the work of synthesizing all the feedback and input they received and will be sharing back a summary of those conversations in the next month or two.

- Ms. Noll also provided an update from the Blueways Advisory Panel. MORPC held the first meeting of the Blueways Advisory Panel – a group of regional partners who will help to navigate the big picture and regional coordination needed for Central Ohio to pursue water trail designation from the state department of natural resources for one or more of our five waterways. The advisory panel heard from Dr. Sarah Hippensteel Hall, with the Miami Conservancy District in the greater Dayton area. The Miami Conservancy District manages that region's water trails, including the state's first designated water trail and only nationally designated water trail: the Great Miami River. Dr. Hall shared insights and lessons learned from their efforts to designate the Great Miami and other regional waterways.
- Mr. Dixon provided information on the upcoming CHRR survey. MORPC will be collaborating with CHRR at OSU on their first American Population Panel transportation survey. MORPC is working to help expand and diversify the APP panelists. Those interested can sign up for the APP and learn more at <http://www.go.osu.edu/CentralOH>. Both the sign-up and survey will run through March 17, 2023.
- Mr. Dixon announced MORPC will be collaborating with OU Dublin on their first "Data Day" on March 1, 2023. The event will be focused on data use, security, governance, and visualization. Dr. Anirudh Ruhil (OU) and Michael Wilkos (UWCO) will be keynote speakers. In-person and virtual tickets are still available at <https://www.morpc.org/event/dataday/>. Virtual-student tickets are free.
- Mr. Gill reviewed the 2022 Accomplishments of the Community Advisory Committee, as is done at the first committee meeting every year. A copy of the presentation is available on the Community Advisory Committee page on MORPC's website.

IV. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Resolution T-1-23: Adopting the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Objectives & Performance Measures
 - Ms. Schaper presented information on the MTP and explained that intention of the resolution is to adopt the objectives and performance measures of the 2024-2050 MTP, which include both regional and federally required measures. MORPC received several comments during the last public comment period which ended in early January.
 - Upcoming 2023 Milestones include 2050 population and employment forecasts, compiling candidate projects, and developing project evaluation criteria.
 - Chair Acheampong asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Weiss moved, and Mr. Paul asked for clarification on the population forecast, namely what factors are incorporated into the overall projection, and if Insight2050 conclusions are being reevaluated.
 - Ms. Schaper clarified an updated forecast is completed every four years as part of the planning development process. MORPC's Data Team pulls together multiple data sources to identify what the assumptions should be.

- Mr. Paul asked if the current Insight2050 should still be utilized. Ms. Schaper clarified the Insight2050 tool is to help understand the differences in how we grow as a region, and the tool is still relevant for use.
- Mr. Rist asked if tolling and congestion pricing has been considered in the strategies of the MTP. Mr. Gill answered that tolling and congestion pricing is a tool and mechanism to lay groundwork for the MTP; however, the current MTP is in the developing stages and strategies have not been fully formed yet. Ms. Ewing added that the State of Ohio is doing an alternative revenue study at the same time is something to consider.
- Mr. Rist asked if there will be opportunity to revisit the MTP before the adoption in 16 months. Ms. Schaper stated that MORPC will be forming benchmark and targets, and draft strategies will be available later in fall 2022.
- Chair Acheampong asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Weiss moved, and Mr. Paul seconded. The motion passed.

V. Informational Items

- Mr. Graham provided the committee with an Attributable Funding Update. MORPC received update requests from 21 different projects and inflationary impacts resulted in an average 18% increase in requested funding. MORPC accepted new funding applications in September 2022 and received 42 final applications requested over \$260 million. New applications were evaluated throughout fall 2022. The Attributable Funds Committee approved Draft Recommendations for Funding on December 14, 2022. A public comment period on the Draft Recommendations is open through February 8, 2023 with final approval of funding commitments anticipated in March 2023. Total Proposed Funding SFY 2024-2029 is \$326 million. Mr. Graham highlighted the nine Roadway Capacity & Operation Changes, four System Preservation, Transit Project, and nine stand-alone Bike and Pedestrian new commitments. MORPC has published the Draft Recommendations for Funding on our website at: <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/morpc-attributable-funding-for-transportation/>. Comments can be emailed to tip@morpc.org or mailed to Nick Gill. Comments will be accepted through February 8, 2023.
 - Mr. Rist asked for clarification on the number of Transit projects submitted. Mr. Graham noted that there was a total of five applications in the transit category, and that they scored significantly lower than the LinkUS W Broad BRT Corridor Construction project.
 - Mr. Rist questioned if there was a proposal for construction for a COTA line up to Dublin, Ohio. Mr. Gill clarified the West Broad and East Main Street corridors are farther along in the process than the Northwest corridor.
- Ms. Cardoni reviewed the purpose and goals of the Technical Assistance Program, which provides MORPC staff assistance to eligible members with the MPO. Its community-based planning services advance the goals of the MTP through implementation of specific MTP strategies. Assistance is awarded through a competitive application process and services are completed within 6-9 months. Past Technical Assistance Services from 2020-2021, 2022 and the Pilot program were reviewed, as well as technical assistance activities. Six

applications were received and five were awarded for the 2023 program. Dates for the 2023 Program Cycle were reviewed.

- Chair Acheampong expressed her excitement for the program, stating that it will aid communities in preparing for possible funds when they become available for projects.
- Mr. Kwarteng-Crooklyn highlighted the Central Ohio Air Quality End of Season Report for 2021-2022 which is in the process of finalization. Central Ohio has shown continuous improvement over the last 30 years. June 2022 was the first month MORPC issued an Air Quality Alert in nearly two years, with three USG ozone days being the most recorded in the Columbus region in four years. The ozone precursors were due to high temperatures, wildfire smoke, and light winds. On January 6, 2023 the EPA announced its proposal to revise primary PM standards from 12 micrograms per cubic meter to 9-10 micrograms per cubic meter based on recent research. MORPC is preparing to engage with internal and external stakeholders during the sixty-day public comment period.
- Ms. Vonstein introduced the Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Study strategy to the committee. The project timeline encompasses February 2023 – Fall 2023 with funding from the ODOT SPR Grant. The strategy will leverage the investments communities have made in wayfinding, branding, and marketing of their local trails to provide a cohesive user-friendly experience for regional active transportation, recreation, and tourism purpose.

VI. Other Business

- Chair Acheampong introduced new member Tiana Samuels.

VII. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Nick Gill, Secretary
Community Advisory Committee



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPORT

January & February 2023

PROGRAMMING

Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director – ngill@morpc.org

Transportation

Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director – ngill@morpc.org

Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- Objectives and Performance Measures were adopted during the February 2023 meetings.
- Continued to review local, state, and regional plans and add candidate projects to the MTP database.
- Began developing project evaluation criteria.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

Mobility Management

- Held the first Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee (FCMAC) - The FCMAC began to revise strategies for Franklin County's coordinated plan and established a monthly meeting schedule.
- Held meeting with Region 6 Mobility Managers and began working on region-wide survey to administer in April.
- Met with ODOT to discuss launch timeline and statewide marketing campaign for Gohio Mobility.
- Participated in Licking County's Transportation Advisory Group (LTAG) and attended Senior Service Roundtable and Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

- Contract preparation underway for the most recent call for projects.
- Applied for a grant amendment with the FTA to alter funding for FFY21 call for projects due to vehicle production cost overruns.

- Held an update meeting with FTA Region 5 representatives to discuss 2023 plans for the 5310 program.

Gohio Commute

- Participated in the New Albany Community Showcase & Job Fair to educate about sustainable commute options and open positions at MORPC.
- Participated in the Mobility, Workforce Connectivity – The future of workforce mobility in Union County along with the Union County Chamber and MOVES Coalition. This event discussed the challenges surrounding workforce transportation and current opportunities for transportation to work.

Transportation Planning Activities:

US 23 Connect Study

- Continued to participate in study partner meetings and reviewing timelines and public engagement materials.
- Participated in segment level workshops with the study team to review concepts for feasibility study.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

- Coordinating with COTA on an intergovernmental agreement for the transit supportive infrastructure (TSI) work.
- Assisting in the Downtown Transportation Study with the City of Columbus, ODOT, and COTA.
- Held several workgroup meetings at MORPC with partners to advance the LinkUS Community Action Plan goals.
- Participated in the Women in Transportation (WTS) transit luncheon at Hofbrauhaus on February 14, 2023 to discuss LinkUS.

Interregional Connections

- Working alongside the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) to apply for the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Corridor ID Program for the Cincinnati-Dayton-Columbus-Cleveland (3C+D) passenger rail line.
- Assisting as a co-applicant with the City of Ft. Wayne for the Chicago-Ft. Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh (Midwest Connect) passenger rail line for the Corridor ID Program.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):

- Submitted first draft of the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to ODOT.
- Scheduled county-level sub-committee meetings in each of the CORPO counties. These will take place in-person and occur between March 10, 2023 and April 10, 2023.
- Scheduled the TIP Public Open House for Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at MORPC.

Transportation Safety:

- MORPC continued work with local, regional, and state partners around key transportation safety initiatives:
 - ODOT is working on educational materials regarding the new distracted driving law that will be available to share with partners before the law takes effect in early April 2023.
 - MORPC participated in regular meetings with the Franklin County Safe Communities Coalition, the Ohio Association of Regional Councils Transportation Safety Subcommittee, and the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee.
 - MORPC also continued discussions with state partners regarding the impacts of speed on transportation safety, and ODOT will be reconvening a statewide Speed Zoning Committee to explore additional areas of opportunity on the topic.

Technical Assistance Program:

- Technical assistance services were kicked off with the five communities that were awarded for 2023:
 - Berlin Township is looking to identify opportunities to better connect their residents with active transportation and trail facilities throughout the community.
 - Brown Township is working to identify a potential feasible route for a trail facility to connect their community into the larger Central Ohio Greenways system and to nearby Metro Parks.
 - The City of Delaware will be developing a local safety action plan to identify and prioritize important transportation safety improvements in their community.
 - The City of Grove City will be advancing the work completed with Metro Parks through the Technical Assistance program in 2022 to continue extending the Scioto Trail southward, with the goal of connecting to Scioto Grove Metro Park and the greater Grove City community.
 - Violet Township is also looking to identify opportunities to better connect their community with active transportation and trail facilities.

Infrastructure Funding:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Submitted first draft of the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to ODOT. The Final Draft SFY 2024-2027 TIP will be posted for public comment on March 10, 2023. A public open house will be held at MORPC on March 28, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. during which MORPC staff will be on hand to present the TIP and answer any questions. Public comments will be accepted from March 10, 2023 to April 10, 2023 via mail or email at tip@morpc.org.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

- A public comment period for the Draft Recommendation for Funding was held from January 6, 2023 to February 8, 2023 during which 39 comments were received. Final funding commitments will be considered for approval during the March 2023 meetings.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

- TRAC released their draft funding recommendations at their February 22, 2023 meeting. A vote to finalize project funding is scheduled for March 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at ODOT Central Office.
- The 2023 application cycle is approaching and is expected to open May 1, 2023 and run through the end of the month.

Federal Competitive Programs

- Continued to support several members with RAISE grant applications, which are due on February 28, 2023.
- Wrote formal letters of support for two projects seeking funding through US EPA programs.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

- CAPs were successfully communicated to Central Ohio's Congressional Representatives, and Ohio's Senators, during MORPC's Leadership Team's visit to D.C.
- The CAP team has begun finalizing these transformational projects to display on MORPC's website, and interactive CAP web map.

Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):

- The CEDS continues to be implemented in regional planning efforts throughout the Central Ohio region. MORPC is currently working with Pickaway Progress Partnership and the Joint Economic Development District in efforts to bring sanitary upgrades to the Rickenbacker area.

Brownfield Assessments:

- The funding is wrapping up for the grant MORPC received starting in 2020. The City of Powell has presented an opportunity for a final assessment project. An eligibility request is being drafted and a Phase I assessment will commence pending EPA approval.

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Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Sr. Director of Planning – kcarr@morpc.org

Community Development

Active Transportation Planning:

- A coordination meeting was held with the co-chairs for the MORPC Active Transportation Committee to plan an agenda for the Q1 meeting on Tuesday, March

14, 2023. The meeting will be hosted in person with a virtual option and is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon. The agenda will include a focused presentation and discussion around the impacts of speed on traffic safety, particularly as it applies to people walking and bicycling on our roadways. Additional topics will include updates on active transportation efforts around the region.

- Work continued with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) to provide active transportation planning assistance to Franklin Township, which kicked off in January. A second effort was kicked off with the same FCPH team to provide assistance to the City of Reynoldsburg to develop a Complete Streets Policy.
- MORPC will continue hosting virtual group viewings of the [APBP monthly webinars](#) throughout the year. These webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov (jpetrov@morpc.org) if you are interested in attending any of the MORPC group viewings.
- MORPC is participating in the Orange Township Active Transportation Plan planning process, which kicked off earlier this year. MORPC provided a letter of support for the Township's application to ODOT for consultant assistance to develop an Active Transportation Plan, and the Township was one of few communities awarded throughout the state. A community survey is currently open to collect public input regarding active transportation in the Township: www.surveymonkey.com/r/OrangeTwpATP.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

The COG Board met January 18, 2023 to review Working Group reports and approve the agenda for the Spring 2023 COG Board Retreat. The Board will meet again on March 15, 2023.

- The COG Trail Development and Partnership Working Groups met February 16, 2023. MORPC Staff shared an update on the Trail Count Data processing and heard feedback on what types of data reports would be helpful for them. Members also learned more about the MORPC Technical Assistance Program. COG related technical assistance continues to be the most highly requested technical assistance for the second year. Members requested advice around nomenclature for trail types and names as well as strategies for cohesive trail name hierarchy on signage. MORPC is beginning a wayfinding study with a consultant soon. The consultant will be tasked with offering advice on hierarchy and nomenclature for wayfinding. The Working Group will meet again on April 20, 2023.
- The COG Marketing and Operations Working Groups met February 14, 2023. Members are focused on the April 22, 2023 Celebrate Trail Day event that will be hosted in partnership with Green Columbus in front of COSI. Trail user groups will host group rides, bike rodeos, hikes, and possibly water trail-related activities. The Group reviewed curated trail trip ideas and is working with Experience Columbus to incorporate those ideas into the Outdoor Trails Pass. Experience Columbus developed a strategy for incorporated curated trips into the Outdoor Trails Passport and hopes to launch an updated pass in April 2023 with curated trips. Working Group members will also offer advice on the COG website update, a brand refresh, and the Rails to Trails Celebrate Trails Day. The Working Groups will meet again on April 18, 2023.
- MORPC and 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 will be working with ODOT staff on a Statewide non-motorized count strategy in 2023 and 2024. Additionally, MORPC will purchase five trail counters to be installed by partners along the Ohio to Erie Trail.

- The Trail Town Framework contract with Cycle Forward will be extended to update the Framework to include a focus on not only rural communities, but also suburban and urban communities in Central Ohio. This work will begin in April 2023.

Central Ohio Blueways

- The Central Ohio Blueways Advisory Panel kicked off on January 27, 2023 with attendees from Madison, Delaware, Franklin, and Pickaway Counties, as well as ODNr and waterway advocacy groups. The panel discussed the current priority of Water Trail Designation, what is involved with Water Trail Designation, and how Water Trail Designation can promote other Central Ohio initiatives like Central Ohio Greenways and RAPID 5.
- The Advisory Panel met again on February 8 to discuss the next steps toward designation, and what specific roles the Advisory Panel will play. The Panel reviewed a working draft of a Partnership Agreement template and were tasked with making edits and providing comments in advance of the next Panel meeting.
- The next Advisory Panel meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

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

- 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 team members are 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. 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 (RHS):

Outreach

- Team members discussed regional growth and housing/development needs with several audiences, including local media, in-person presentations to professional/industry 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 leading the advocacy & partnerships task force of the newly formed Regional Housing Coalition. The Coalition will establish a shared regional approach to address affordability, livability, and economic competitiveness in Central Ohio. The task force will assess the actions of the RHS implementer's toolkit for effectiveness at a regional scale, along with the champions who will lead them. The task force and the Coalition will help Central Ohio communities with regional coordination of housing efforts and support for local policies and initiatives.

Implementation Assistance

- Are you interested in a housing/growth 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).

Sustainability

Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- The Sustainability Advisory Committee met on February 15, 2023 and welcomed new members from SWACO, the City of Columbus, AEP, and the City of Mount Vernon. The MORPC team provided updates on policy and relevant funding opportunities and presented the 2023 sustainability and community development program priorities. The MORPC team also highlighted the proposed revision to the federal particulate matter (PM) standard and will convene leadership from SAC, Energy & Air Quality Working Group, and Policy Roundtable for input into MORPC's public comments. The next meeting will be hosted by City of Westerville on April 19, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Sustainable2050:

- MORPC is partnering again with OSU's City & Regional Planning and Sustainability Institute to provide free technical assistance to Sustainable2050 members through planning studios and environmental capstone courses. The proposal deadline was February 10, 2023 and the team is reviewing projects. The agenda for the next member meeting includes a presentation from SWACO's Executive Director, Joe Lombardi, and the MORPC team will present a draft Sustainability Toolkit for members, which is currently under development. The next quarterly meeting will be Friday, March 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Membership and tier status certification is open to MORPC members. Please contact MORPC's Sustainability Officer, Brandi Whetstone, for more information at bwhetstone@morpc.org.

Water Resources Program:

Sustaining Scioto Board

- The Sustaining Scioto Board met on February 22, 2023. The Board welcomed new members and the discussion included 2023 priorities along with MORPC and partner updates.

- The Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team met on January 19, 2023. Members heard a presentation from the Director of Licking Soil and Water Conservation District, Kristy Hawthorne on the District's programming areas with a focus on agriculture and water quality. Director Hawthorne highlighted cost share programs administered through the district and collaboration with landowners to help address water quality issues. The team, as part of 2023 programming, discussed a potential field day event in April targeted at farmers, landowners, and the public. Speakers and topics during the event are still being identified. This working group will meet again on March 16, 2023.

Ohio EPA Water Resources Planning Work

- The MORPC team will be focused on reaching out to contacts across multiple counties to inform the development of an interactive map and to confirm if any updates are needed to their wastewater facility planning areas.

Energy & Air Quality

Air quality specific activities

- There have been no Air Quality Alerts issued since June 2022.
- Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project
 - On February 21, 2023 MORPC, Ohio EPA, and Franklin County Public Health will begin co-location of six PurpleAir sensors with Ohio EPA's regulatory reference monitors to verify their performance and get them into the community for data collection.
- Education and Outreach
 - On February 7, 2023 MORPC released its end of season air quality report for Central Ohio: [Central Ohio Air Quality End-of-Season Report 2022](#).
 - Additionally, the US EPA proposed particulate matter (PM) standard revision was published in the federal register in February. This has triggered a 60-day public comment period (which ends on March 28, 2023) during which MORPC will be engaging with our Sustainability Advisory Committee and working group leadership, members, and others, in a process to review and provide comments. To learn more, please contact MORPC's Air Quality and Sustainability Coordinator (pkwarteng@morpc.org)

Energy specific activities

- MORPC conducted the City of Columbus' most recent greenhouse gas inventory and the team is preparing to provide this technical service again in 2023 to support their ongoing reporting commitments.
- The MORPC team will continue 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. Planning is underway but expect the second round 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).

- Federal Funding opportunities are a priority as the Team continues to coordinate across departments and with regional partners on identifying opportunities for clean energy, EV charging and sustainability.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund:

- Final applications for Round 17 are due on March 10, 2023. For more information, please contact Edwina Teye at eteye@morpc.org.

Data, Mapping & Modeling

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The Regional Data Advisory Committee will meet on March 7 to welcome new members, Kier Scott (WDBCO) and Kristy Wedel (Abbott). The Committee will also hear a presentation from the Governor's Office regarding new cyber security initiatives, the update of the Regional Data Agenda, and to hear updates from the working groups.

- Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group
 - The Group met on February 14, 2023 and February 21, 2023 to begin the process of refining recommended agenda items for the 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda. The Group will meet over the next four months to determine the most actionable and regionally impactful items. This process will include review and input from RDAC during March's Q1 meeting and during a special RDAC meeting to be held May 9, 2023.
- Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group
 - Discussion about the data resource for local partners was finalized as a panel during Data Day, with panelists from Rise Together, the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, MORPC, and Catholic Social Services.
 - Data Day will take place on March 1, 2023 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Ohio University / Dublin Integrated Education Center in Dublin. Registration for virtual tickets is Open: www.morpc.org/event/dataday. In-person tickets have sold out.
- 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. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month. The working group is wrapping up development of a public-facing Data Policy Resource Library with the intent to release this resource to a limited audience at Data Day.
- Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Steering Committee & User Group
 - The first RIDG Steering Committee meeting of 2023 was held February 1, 2023. RIDG members were asked to participate in a feedback survey to aid in RDAC's efforts to update the Regional Data Agenda. The feedback was collected and summarized. Additionally, the summarization was also shared back to the Steering Committee at the February meeting to promote transparency and show the value members add to the larger efforts of MORPC.

- RIDG members and MORPC staff are working to bring on a new Chair or Co-Chairs as the previous Chair has reached the Charter's stated term limit. Once the selection process for the new Chair/Co-Chairs is complete, an additional Steering Committee meeting will take place before the next General RIDG meeting to coordinate and make meeting agenda adjustments. The first General RIDG meeting will be held on March 22, 2023.
- Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG)
 - The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) will meet on February 22, 2023 and include sharing the ESRI dashboard created from Survey123 questions sent to group in 2022.

Data Management:

Data Systems

- Staff continue to explore ways to standardize data tools and workflows and to improve data and workflow version control and documentation. The Data team has kicked off an initiative to standardize file organization in support of a broader, department-wide initiative.

Data Sharing

- The team continues to work with other departments to evaluate the usability of and extract insights from existing bike/ped counter data and to help plan for deployment of future counters and monitoring and analysis of their data.

Data Outreach

- Staff continue to participate in digital inclusion efforts - specifically the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition and the Regional Digital Inclusion Alliance for the Central Ohio region - in support of a statewide digital inclusion initiative.

Data Analytics, Mapping, and Research:

Data & Research Activities

- County-level forecasts of population, households, labor force, and employment (a.k.a. "county control totals") have been completed and were released on MORPC's Population Resource Hub on February 2, 2023. These forecasts explicitly account for growth expected to be induced by new developments and predict that Central Ohio will be a region of nearly 3.15 million residents. A factsheet and more information can be found at: www.morpc.org/popforecast.
- The 2022 population estimates for sub-county jurisdictions were released on MORPC's [Population Resource Hub](http://www.morpc.org/popforecast) on February 1, 2023.
- Program, Data, and C&E team members are collaborating with CHRR at OSU on an American Population Panel (APP) public opinion poll surrounding transportation needs and experiences to be released on Feb 21 and close on March 17. As part of this burgeoning partnership, MORPC is working to help expand the APP participants to include more racially, geographically, and socio-economically diverse individuals. You can sign up here: <https://go.osu.edu/JOINNOW>. We encourage everyone to share.

Mapping Activities

- Now that county control totals are set, team members are finalizing existing household and job data for 2021 to be used as part of the MTP land use model existing conditions.
- A consultant was selected for the Active Transportation Network project and contract is in process. The project will begin this March.
- Staff created another travel time map to better understand commute implications to major new Central Ohio developments in the region.

Modeling Activities

- The team is preparing inputs for the Land Use Allocation Model of the MTP, continuing to maintain the Traffic Count Program, and responding to several traffic growth and modeling requests.

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

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News Releases:

- [Central Ohio Region Continues to Grow at Accelerated Pace as New Economic Development Projects Come Online](#) (2/2/23)
- [MORPC Awarded \\$200,000 for Comprehensive Safety Action Planning in Rural Communities](#) (2/3/23)
- [MORPC Releases 2022 End-of-Season Report on Central Ohio Air Quality](#) (2/7/23)
- [Statement from MORPC's Executive Director: Ohio's Application for Federal Funds to Study Amtrak Expansion](#) (2/8/23)
- [MORPC Names Dr. Todd Bradley as Regional Investment Officer](#) (2/9/23)

MORPC in the News:

- [Environmentalists say massive sewage expansion could threaten Big Darby watershed](#) (1/23/23)
- [Long-delayed multi-use path along Route 161 on Columbus' Northwest side being reconsidered](#) (1/29/23)
- [OPINION: Columbus needs big ideas, but is a second outerbelt one of them?](#) (1/31/23)
- [Central Ohio's population now projected to exceed 3 million by 2050, boosted by new economic development projects](#) (2/2/2023)
- [Central Ohio region continues to grow at accelerated pace as new economic projects come online](#) (2/2/2023)
- [Report predicts 750,000 new Central Ohio residents by 2048](#) (2/3/2023)
- [Fairfield County and Ohio State partnering to update Active Transportation Plan](#) (2/4/2023)
- [Updated projection sets expectation for 3.15 million Central Ohio residents in 2050](#) (2/6/2023)
- [Central Ohio Infrastructure: Good News From MORPC](#) (2/6/23)
- [Ohio takes first step to get feds on board with expanding passenger rail](#) (2/8/2023)
- [Ohio seeks federal funding to study Amtrak passenger route](#) (2/8/2023)
- [Gov. DeWine on board with first step toward Amtrak expansion in Ohio](#) (2/8/2023)
- [Central Ohio continues to grow at accelerated pace](#) (2/9/2023)
- [MORPC releases end of season report on Central Ohio air quality](#) (2/9/2023)
- [When It Comes to Passenger Rail Expansion, Ohio is the First State to Take the Initiative](#) (2/10/2023)
- [MORPC raises estimate of Columbus regions population growth](#) (2/10/23)

- [New report on air quality in Central Ohio](#) (2/10/2023)
- [Commission names Dr. Todd Bradley as new Regional Investment Officer](#) (2/11/2023)
- [Galena gets organized for 2023](#) (2/14/23)

Digital Content:

Social Media: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn:

- Air Quality Alerts, Careers/Jobs, Trails Pass, Columbus Vision Zero, eSource, Gohio Commute, Mid-Ohio Open Data Site, Educational Partnership, Weatherization, RFPs/RFQs, Radon Awareness Month, Sustainability, Black History Month, MTP Draft Regional Transportation Plan Objectives and Performance Measures, Valentine's Day, State of the Region, Data Day, Ohio Loves Transit Day, Impaired Driving, Internship Application, Attributable Funds, APP Panel Members, Air Quality Webinar, and MORPC In The News

Reach:

- [Facebook & Instagram](#)

Top Posts:

- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)

Diversity & Inclusion:

- Presented a diversity update to the Executive Board and Commission regarding 2023 DE&I initiatives.
- Renewed the partnership with HBCU Connect, the nation's largest network of Historically Black College and University students and graduates.
 - MORPC will continue to utilize HBCU Connect's Career Portal to post its job postings to diverse audiences.
 - Announced a new benefit for MORPC members: Member communities and organizations will soon be able take advantage of HBCU Connect's career resources by posting their niche and hard-to-fill senior/executive level positions at no cost to the member.
- OhioMBE, Ohio's largest Black-owned business newspaper, hosted a Procurement Fair on February 17, 2023. MORPC's participation in the fair facilitated connections with new MBE suppliers, supporting the agency's goals of attracting more minority owned businesses and suppliers, as laid out in MORPC's MBE Strategy.

Public Involvement & Engagement:

- MORPC representatives attended the Clean Fuels Ohio (CFO) Communications and Engagement Committee meeting. CFO is under new leadership, and they are in the

process of revamping the Committee and searching for additional community partners to join.

- Attended the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) national 2023 State of COMTO address, which laid out updates to the 2022-2025 COMTO Strategic Plan.
- MORPC promoted the following requests for public input through social media and on our website:
 - MTP Draft Regional Transportation Plan Objectives and Performance Measures- [1/23](#)
 - Attributable Funds Public Comment Period- [2/2](#) , [2/8](#)
 - American Population Panel (APP)- [2/14](#)

Marketing Campaigns:

- The Gohio Commute program is running a marketing campaign on social media that focuses on vanpooling and carpooling with the goal to increase awareness.

Events:

Upcoming Events:

- Register for MORPC's State of the Region, March 31, 2023, 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, 2023, at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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Member Services:

- MORPC is pleased to continue to strengthen the network in Central Ohio. Marion County joined MORPC in February soaring the membership to 83 local governments. All MORPC members are eligible to submit requests for interns through the Local Government Summer Intern Program. MORPC has received an all-time high record of 42 requests for Summer 2023. [LINK](#) to request a summer intern. Members will want to submit requests by Feb. 28, 2023 to secure an intern for the summer.

Resources:

- [LINK](#) to Rapid5 details. The site has you tube links, the full report and much more.
- [LINK](#) to MORPC's searchable data site. If you need assistance on accessing specific data, feel free to send an inquiry to our MORPC team at dataandmaps@morpc.org

Upcoming Events:

- Drive Investment to Our Region Luncheon– Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at MORPC. Hear from MORPC's Regional Investment Officer, Dr. Todd Bradley, and our Drive Investment team about our strategy to seize these opportunities and create an environment for prosperity together. [Register](#)
- Data Day – Wednesday, March 1, 2023 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Ohio University Dublin. 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. Attendees will come away with new connections in the Central Ohio data community and have actionable items they can take back to their communities to improve the ways they're currently using data. [Register](#)
- State of the Region – Friday, March 31, 2023 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. The State of the Region is one of Central Ohio's most significant events of the year. During the State of the Region, we highlight community accomplishments and showcase upcoming plans for the leading our region into the future. It is attended by the region's top political, business, and civic leaders as the year's premier event. [Register](#)



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Officers and Board Members
Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director

DATE: February 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-2-23: “**Adopting MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments**”

Proposed Resolution T-2-23 completes the biennial process of soliciting, reviewing and recommending requests for MORPC-attributable transportation funding. Attachment 1 to the proposed resolution is a summary of all the recommended commitments of MORPC-attributable funding for SFY 2023 and beyond.

Each year MORPC receives an allocation of approximately \$50 million of federal transportation funds for use in Central Ohio. MORPC-attributable funds come from four federal programs, three of which originated with ISTEA and continued under TEA-21 - SAFETEA-LU, MAP-21, FAST Act, and now the IIJA, which added a fourth federal program. These programs are:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), formerly the Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) – part of large MPO CMAQ program
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

MORPC adopted its updated policies for allocating and managing MORPC-attributable funds by the passage of Resolution T-5-22. MORPC staff solicited and received applications for these funds during the summer of 2022. Over the past several months, the Attributable Funds Committee and staff members have been evaluating the applications to make funding recommendations.

With regard to CMAQ funding, staff will work within the large MPO CMAQ program process to secure the CMAQ funding. MORPC works with the other seven large MPOs to select projects for the large MPO CMAQ program. The commitments in this resolution reflect the results of the MORPC process.

The funding recommendations were made available for public review and comment from January 6, 2023, to February 8, 2023. MORPC received a total of 39 comments from the public via email during this time. These comments did not necessitate any adjustments to the funding recommendations.

In summary, as shown in the table below, Resolution T-2-23 commits approximately \$212 million in MORPC-attributable federal funding for SFY 2023 and beyond. This is for 56 projects or activities throughout the MORPC transportation planning area, 33 of which are continuations of previous commitments and 23 of which are new commitments.

Summary of Funding Recommendations

	Total (Millions)
Previous Commitments & Cost Increases	\$178
New Commitments	\$148
Total Recommended for Funding	\$326
Total of Requests Not Recommended for Funding	\$156
Total for All Requests	\$482

Attachments:

- Proposed Resolution T-2-23

RESOLUTION T-2-23

“Adopting MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is responsible for allocating certain federal transportation funds that are attributed to it; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee adopted Resolution T-10-97, "Principles for Allocation of MORPC-Attributable Federal Funding," in order to fairly allocate these funds in conformance with federal and state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, it most recently adopted revised management tools in the Policies by Resolution T-5-22, “Adopting ‘Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds’”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with these policies, in May 2022 project applications were solicited to use MORPC-attributable funding, and the applications received were reviewed by MORPC staff and the Attributable Funds Committee; and

WHEREAS, a draft list of MORPC-attributable funding recommendations was released for public review and comment on January 6, 2023, with the public comment period ending on February 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, 39 comments from the public were received and no adjustments to the funding recommendations were deemed necessary as a result of these comments; and

WHEREAS, the projects, as shown in Attachment 1, are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, with regard to CMAQ funding, MORPC will work within the large MPO CMAQ process to secure CMAQ funding for CMAQ-eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on February 27, 2023 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 1, 2023, recommended approval of these funding commitments to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it commits to allocating its attributable federal funding to the projects in the attached program of projects at the amounts and schedules shown in Attachment 1 pending continued availability of MORPC-attributable federal funding at the levels needed for the program.
- Section 2. That staff prepare an amendment to the State Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) consistent with the attached program of projects using MORPC-attributable funds through SFY 2023.

- Section 3. That it directs staff to prepare partnering or other appropriate agreements with project sponsors outlining the MORPC-attributable funding commitment.
- Section 4. That it directs staff to continue to actively participate in the large MPO CMAQ process to ensure the projects eligible for CMAQ shown in Attachment 1 receive CMAQ funds through the large MPO CMAQ process.
- Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all local agencies listed as sponsoring agencies in the attachments for appropriate action including ODOT reflecting the updated costs and schedules in Ellis.
- Section 6. That it emphasizes the importance of the project sponsors maintaining the project schedule and remaining within the current cost estimates, as there is no guarantee that additional MORPC-attributable funding or statewide CMAQ funding will be available should costs increase or the project be delayed.
- Section 7. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment:

1. Summary of Projects using MORPC-Attributable Funding for SFY 2023 and beyond
2. Map of Existing Commitments Proposed for Continued Funding
3. Map of Proposed Funding for New Project Requests

Resolution T-2-23 - Attachment 1 MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments

Updated Funding to Previous Commitments

Map ID	ODOT PJD	Agency	Project Description	Construction SFY	Total 2023+	SFY 2023	SFY 2024	SFY 2025	SFY 2026	SFY 2027	SFY 2028/29^	SFY 2030+
929	105734	Columbus	E Broad St from I-270 to Outerbelt St, Major Widening	2024	\$11,975,596	\$1,560,000	\$10,415,596					
718	105732	Columbus	Cassady Ave from CSX Railroad to north of E 7th Ave, Minor Widening	2024	\$11,009,751	\$1,542,658	\$9,467,093					
3847	115768	Columbus	Sancus Boulevard, from Worthington Woods Boulevard to Lazelle Road	2027	\$10,034,556			\$1,151,475		\$8,883,081		
3846	115797	Columbus	Dublin-Granville Road (SR-161), from Ambleside Drive to Maple Canyon Avenue	2026	\$13,403,607			\$1,880,000	\$11,523,607			
3836	114254	Columbus	SR-161 at Parkville/Spring Run, Intersection modification	2023	\$1,127,170	\$1,127,170						
3845	115566	Delaware County TID	DEL-TR114-01.93 Orange Road under CSX/NS Grade Separation	2026	\$8,387,599				\$8,387,599			
3278	105759	Franklin County	Trabue Road (Lake Shore Drive to Riverside Drive)	2024	\$9,499,581		\$9,499,581					
3852	115179	Franklin County TID	SR 161 and Linworth Road Improvements	2026	\$7,138,600		\$4,800,000		\$2,338,600			
3253	105768	Whitehall	E Broad St at Hamilton Rd, Intersection Modification	2023	\$5,055,577	\$5,055,577						
3844	115646	Columbus	E. Broad Street, Outerbelt Street to Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road	2025	\$1,360,000		\$1,360,000					
3594	111991	Upper Arlington	Fishinger Rd from Riverside Dr. to 400 feet west of Mountview Rd, Reconstruction	2024	\$5,505,857		\$5,505,857					
3849	115410	Columbus	Downtown Signals, Rich Street Signal Replacements	2025	\$2,125,422			\$2,125,422				
3850	115411	Franklin County	East Cooke Road Phase 1	2026	\$3,055,930				\$3,055,930			
3592	NP	Columbus	Concrete Bus Pad Upgrades, , Reconstruction	2025	\$1,068,399			\$1,068,399				
3276	105739	Delaware County	Red Bank Rd from Smothers Rd to Gorsuch Rd, Resurfacing	2023	\$872,907	\$872,907						
3280	105806	Powell	Sawmill Pkwy from Seldom Seen Rd to Home Rd, Resurfacing **	2020	\$755,867	\$188,967	\$377,933	\$188,967				
3593	113309	Columbus	SR 161 at Huntley/Sinclair, Signalization	2023	\$701,668	\$701,668						
3289	112116	COTA	Corridor Initiative - Project Development and Right-of-Way	NA	\$7,520,000			\$7,520,000				
3839	112116	COTA	Rickenbacker Area Mobility Center	2023	\$3,375,000	\$3,375,000						
3595	112036	Columbus	Olentangy Trail from Northmoor Park to Clinton Como Park, Multi-use path	2024	\$5,417,132		\$5,417,132					
1331	77370	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 2D), Major Widening/Interchange Modification	28/29	\$860,769						\$860,769	
1333	77372	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 4A), Major Widening/Interchange Modification	2024	\$4,855,908		\$4,855,908					
3214	103487	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Additional Phases), Major Widening/Interchange Modification	28/29	\$4,000,000						\$4,000,000	
2874	96053	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 4B), Interchange Modification/Major Widening	2024	\$2,775,118		\$2,775,118					
1332	77371	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 3), Interchange Modification/Major Widening	28/29	\$1,160,772						\$1,160,772	
3851	116785	Columbus	Big Walnut Trail - Little Turtle to Cherrybottom Park/Alum Creek Trail	2025	\$5,572,703			\$5,572,703				
3283	105736	Columbus	Souder Ave from W Broad St to Dublin Rd, Multi-Use Path	2023	\$3,904,938	\$3,904,938						
3089	98232	Columbus	Brice Road, from Chantry Drive to south of Channingway Boulevard	2024	\$15,000,000		\$15,000,000					
1946	88310	Dublin	I-270 at US-33/SR-161, Interchange Modification **	2015	\$17,982,619	\$598,164	\$1,223,380	\$1,260,357	\$1,298,451	\$1,337,697	\$2,797,911	\$9,466,660
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Paving the Way Program	NA	\$350,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Air Quality Awareness, Air Quality Project	NA	\$4,000,000	\$550,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$1,150,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	insight2050, Technical Assistance Program	NA	\$1,900,000	\$250,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$550,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Gohio, Ridesharing	NA	\$5,100,000	\$700,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,400,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Supplemental Planning, Planning Activity	NA	\$2,750,000	\$350,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$800,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Misc TBD Planning Activities	NA	\$1,200,000		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	

New Commitments

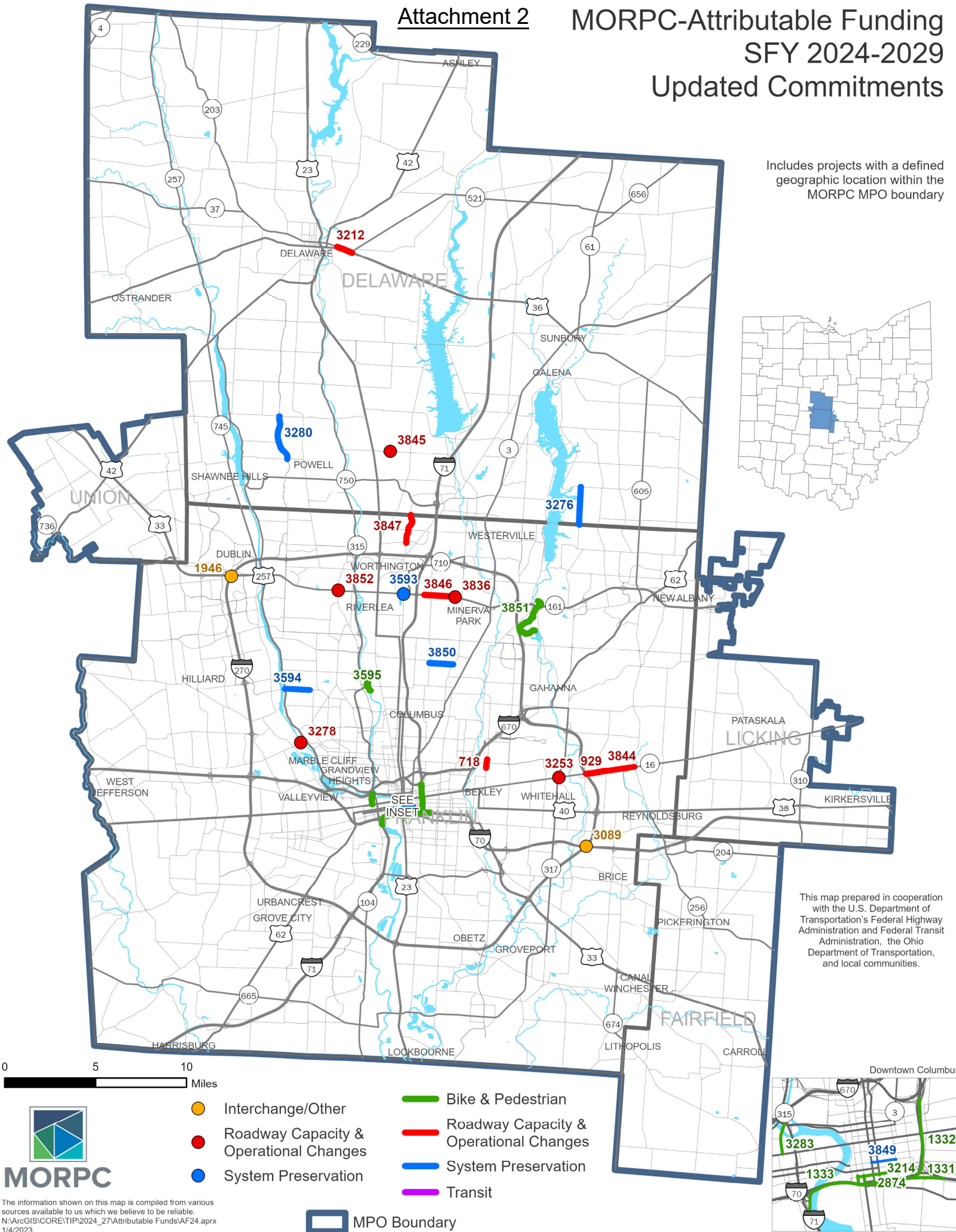
111		Franklin County	Cassady Avenue (I-670 to Agler Road)	28/29	\$10,189,663				\$573,600		\$9,616,063	
115		Columbus	SR-161 at Busch BLVD & Ambleside DR	28/29	\$11,053,364				\$970,593		\$10,082,771	
110		Franklin County TID	Alum Creek Drive (SR 317 to Groveport Road)	28/29	\$10,500,000			\$341,538			\$10,158,463	
119		Columbus	E Broad St from Outerbelt St to Reynoldsburg New Albany Rd	2025	\$7,913,607			\$7,913,607				
108		Franklin County	Ferris Road (Karl Road to Westerville Road)	28/29	\$2,583,380				\$146,823		\$2,436,557	
101		Columbus	Hilliard Rome Road at Renner Road	28/29	\$3,747,438					\$740,000	\$3,007,438	
114		Delaware County TID	Sunbury Parkway, Phase B & C	2027	\$3,000,000					\$3,000,000		
112		Fairfield County	Refugee Road Intersection Safety Improvement Project	2024	\$750,000		\$750,000					
118		Upper Arlington	Zollinger Road Mobility and Safety Improvement Project	2027	\$3,294,352					\$3,294,352		
203		Bexley	Livingston Avenue, from IR-70 to Kellner Road	28/29	\$16,593,981					\$1,787,200	\$14,806,781	
201		Columbus	17th Avenue, from IR-71 to Billiter Boulevard	28/29	\$6,701,955					\$480,000	\$6,221,955	
205		Licking County TID	Etna- Pike St (Licking County TID)	2024	\$2,684,877		\$2,684,877					
204		Delaware	SR 37 (East Central) Preservation Project	2027	\$2,540,554				\$257,690	\$2,282,864		
304		COTA	LinkUS W Broad BRT Corridor Construction	2027	\$13,100,000					\$13,100,000		
415		Columbus	Big Walnut Trail--Refugee Road to East Main Street	2027	\$7,483,914					\$7,483,914		
403		Columbus	Sullivant Avenue SUP	28/29	\$4,133,352				\$720,000		\$3,413,352	
402		Columbus	McNaughten Road SUP	28/29	\$7,834,505				\$1,296,542		\$6,537,963	
407		Franklin County	Dublin Road Shared-Use Path (Quarry Trails Metro Park to Limestone Ridge Drive)	28/29	\$10,351,449				\$1,800,000		\$8,551,449	
405		Metro Parks	Scioto Trail Bridge Over SR 104 as part of the Scioto Greenway Trail Extension	2027	\$7,980,683					\$7,980,683		
404		Hilliard	Cemetery Road / I-270 Trail Overpass and Safety Improvements (CIP T-162)	2027	\$7,097,717			\$180,000		\$6,917,717		
411		Whitehall	Fairway Boulevard Multi-Use Path	2027	\$3,169,511			\$108,000		\$3,061,511		
418		Columbus	Dublin-Granville Road (SR-161) SUP	28/29	\$2,266,149				\$404,456		\$1,861,693	
401		Columbus	Cassady Avenue SUP	28/29	\$3,057,201				\$300,000		\$2,757,201	

^Funding is SFY 2028/29 is not identified for a specific year. A specific year will be established when project updates are received and reviewed during the 2024 cycle

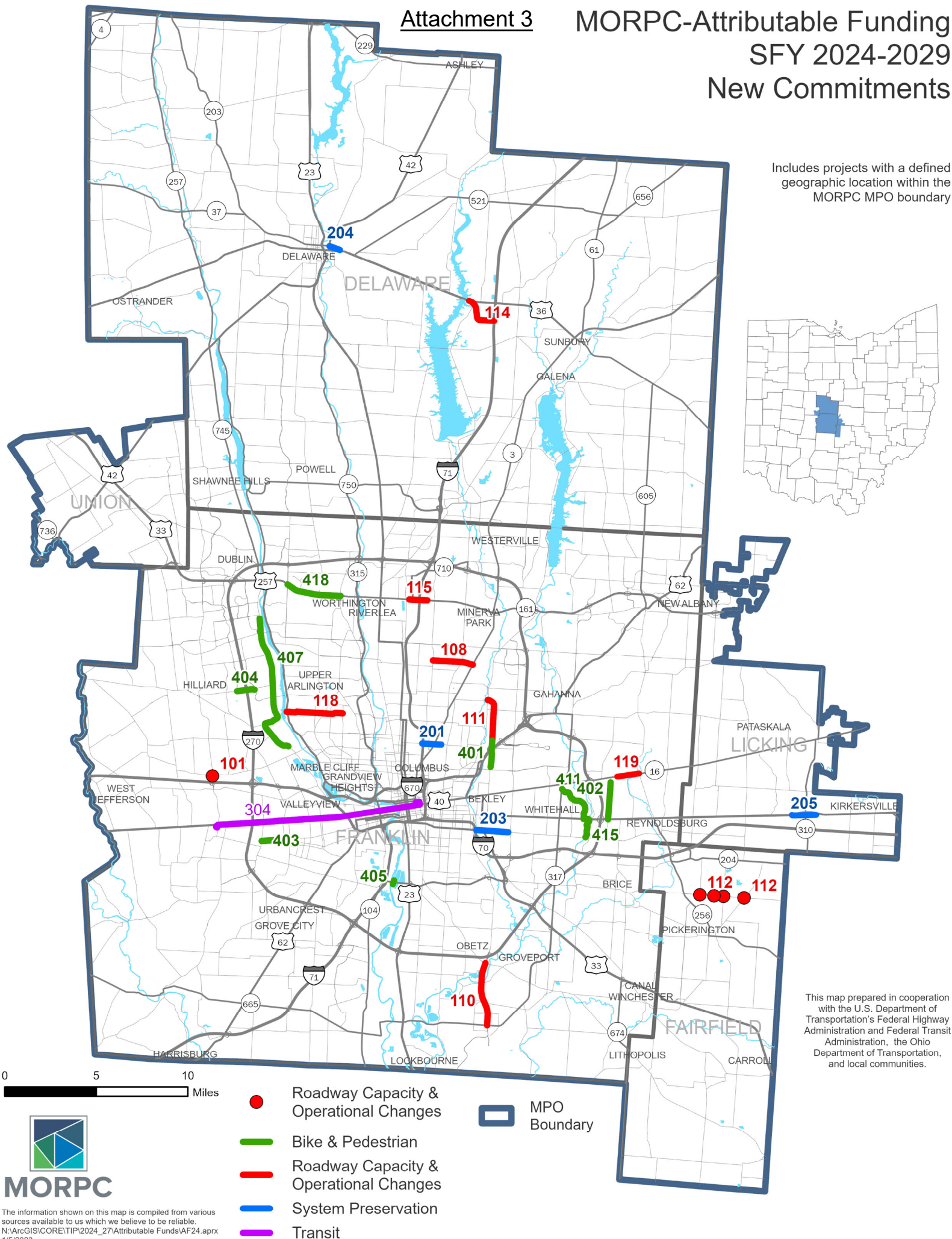
*To maintain fiscal balance, funds for construction of these projects are committed for a later State Fiscal Year (SFY) than when the project sponsor is currently expecting the project to be ready for construction. MORPC and project sponsors will attempt to provide construction funds when the project is ready through the management of the program and various financing mechanisms.

**Future funding commitments for these projects are to repay debt incurred when the project went to construction.

Includes projects with a defined geographic location within the MORPC MPO boundary



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Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Director

DATE: February 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-3-23: **“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”**

Proposed Resolution T-3-22 will add or modify 5 projects to the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$115 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In April, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Continued maintenance of the TIP is a key element of implementing the strategies in the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation (MTP). The projects included in this amendment specifically relate to implementation of these MTP strategies:

- PRES 2: Repave or reconstruct roads in poor physical condition
- PRES 4: Replace transit vehicles that are beyond their useful life
- SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations
- RDWY 1: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing freeways and at interchanges
- BP 6: Make neighborhoods walkable and bikeable through infrastructure projects that fill gaps in the high comfort pedestrian and bicycle networks

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of the projects, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components.

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

Columbus: – The following modifications to the TIP are being made for Columbus projects:

- PID 105736 – Souder Ave MUP: Increase MORPC funding commitment in SFY 2023.
- PID 113309 – SR 161 at Huntley/Sinclair: Increase MORPC funding commitments in SFY 2023.

COTA: – The following addition to the TIP is being made for a COTA project:

- PID 118524 – COTA DERG Buses: Add DERG funding award to the TIP.

ODOT: – The following additions or modifications to the TIP are being made for ODOT projects:

- PID 116322 – SR 161 Widening from I-270 to US 62: Increase funding for PE Environmental Study in SFY 2023.
- PID117878 – SR 161 Widening from US 62 to SR 37: Add PE Environmental Study phase to the TIP.

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Attachment: Resolution T-3-23

RESOLUTION T-3-23

“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-7-20; and

WHEREAS, two project modifications to the 2021-2024 TIP have been identified as needed for Columbus projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project addition to the 2021-2024 TIP has been identified as needed for a COTA project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project addition and one project modification to the 2021-2024 TIP have been identified as needed for Ohio Department of Transportation projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the projects are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting February 27, 2023, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 1, 2023 recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2021-2024 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.
- Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP is maintained.
- Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as three projects are exempt from conformity requirements and two non-exempt projects were have been included in the most recent air quality conformity determination.
- Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP as modified.
- Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.

Section 6. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Erik J. Janas, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2021-2024 TIP

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Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: Columbus

PID: 105736

TIP ID: 3283

MTP ID: 186

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-Souder Ave-Multi-Use Path

Length (mi.): 0.4

Project Type(s): Multi-Use Path/New Bridge

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: Souder Ave from W Broad St to Dublin Rd, Multi-Use Path & New Bridge, constructing a bike/ped bridge adjacent to the Souder bridge, including connections to the Scioto Trail and Westbank Trail. Extend path along Souder from Scioto Trail to Broad St.

Bike Components: Multi-use path. 0.4 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Multi-use path. 0.4 mi. added to ped network.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2023

Construction

TAP-M

\$3,904,938

MORPC Funds

2023

Construction

Local

\$1,101,393

Total:

\$5,006,331

Agency: Columbus

PID: 113309

TIP ID: 3593

MTP ID: 185

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-SR161-10.85

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Signalization

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: SR 161 at Huntley/Sinclair, Signalization, Signal reconstruction project including new strain poles, pedestrian signals/push-buttons/detection. Installation of a crosswalk on the north leg of the intersection, and new sidewalk/ADA ramps.

Bike Components: No change to existing conditions.

Ped Components: No change to existing conditions.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2022

Right-of-Way

STBG-M

\$82,500

MORPC Funds

2022

Right-of-Way

Local

\$20,625

2023

Construction

STBG-M

\$701,668

MORPC Funds

Total:

\$804,793

Agency: COTA

PID: 118524

TIP ID: 3950

MTP ID: 142

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA 2023 DERG Buses-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Replacement Capital

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: COTA 2023 DERG Buses, Transit Replacement Capital, ALI 11.12.01 - Buy Replacements - Bus STD 40 FT. DERG project to replace two model year 2010 diesel powered transit buses with two new battery electric transit buses.

Bike Components: Bicycle racks.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2023

Other

CMAQ-S

\$1,778,006

2023

Other

Local-Transit

\$444,502

Total:

\$2,222,508

Funds in FYs prior to 2021 are not included in this report nor in the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

LR = Long Range (after SFY 2024, the last year of the TIP). LR funds are shown for information only and are not included in the TIP.

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Agency: ODOT

PID: 116322

TIP ID: 3940

MTP ID: 464/ 1840

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-SR161-15.80

Length (mi.): 6.3

Project Type(s): Major Widening/Interchange Modification

Air Quality: System Analyzed

Description: SR 161 from IR 270 to US 62, Major Widening & Interchange Modification, This project will add a thru lane in both directions along SR 161 from IR 270 to US 62 and widen structures to accommodate the added lane. The project also includes widening the ramp

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	PE-Environmental Study	J&C	\$3,830,031
2023	PE-Environmental Study	GRF	\$4,300,421
2023	PE-Environmental Study	J&C	\$1,500
2023	PE-Detailed Design	GRF	\$6,000,000
2023	Construction	GRF	\$85,600,000
Total:			\$99,731,952

Agency: ODOT

PID: 117878

TIP ID: 3949

MTP ID: 380

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-SR161-22.1/0.00

Length (mi.): 10.4

Project Type(s): Major Widening/Interchange Modification

Air Quality: System Analyzed

Description: SR 161 from US 62 to SR 37, Major Widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes & Interchange Modification, Widening of State Route 161 in Franklin and Licking County. Scope of work to include operational improvements at service interchanges within work area.

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023	PE-Environmental Study	GRF	\$8,000,000
Total:			\$8,000,000

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Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
CMAQ-S	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement, Attributable to the State	\$1,778,006
GRF	General Revenue Fund	\$103,900,421
J&C	State Jobs & Commerce Funds	\$3,831,531
Local	Local Public Agency	\$1,122,018
Local-Transit	Local Public Transit Authority	\$444,502
STBG-M	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to MORPC	\$784,168
TAP-M	Transportation Alternatives, Attributable to MORPC	\$3,904,938
Grand Total:		\$115,765,584

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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Director

DATE: February 22, 2023

SUBJECT: **Proposed Resolution T-4-23: “Adopting Updated Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Central Ohio Ozone Maintenance Area”**

Resolution T-4-23 adopts and updated air quality conformity determination necessitated by an amendment being made by the Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS) to their 2020-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Federal transportation planning regulations and Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 require that Transportation Plans for a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) located in an air quality non-attainment area or area previously non-attainment and currently classified as maintenance area include a determination that the Transportation Plan is in conformity with the State Implementation Plan (SIP), which establishes how the area will meet or maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). This is known as an air quality conformity determination. This is required when complete Plan updates are completed every four years and when any amendments to the Plan are adopted between full updates. Furthermore, since air quality areas do not follow MPO boundaries, when there are multiple MPOs in the air quality area, all MPOs must adopt a resolution the air quality conformity determination.

Six counties in central Ohio, which span both the MORPC and LCATS geographies, are currently classified as a maintenance area with regard to ozone NAAQS. In March LCATS is completing their process to adopt an amendment to their 2020-2050 Transportation Plan to add a freeway widening project. MORPC, working with LCATS has updated the previous air quality conformity determination document. The updated document which is available on the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan section of the MORPC website (www.morpc.org/mtp). Resolution T-4-23 completes our part of the collaborative process with LCATS for this.

Attachment: Resolution T-4-23

RESOLUTION T-4-23

“ADOPTING UPDATED AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE CENTRAL OHIO OZONE MAINTENANCE AREA”

WHEREAS, the counties of Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Madison and Knox counties have previously been in non-attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone; and

WHEREAS, these counties are currently meeting the NAAQS for ozone and are classified as a maintenance area with regard to the ozone NAAQS; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials for Franklin and Delaware counties, New Albany, Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, Violet and Bloom townships in Fairfield County, and Jerome Township in Union County; and

WHEREAS the Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS) is designated as the MPO for the Newark Urbanized Area and serves the balance of Licking County; and

WHEREAS, the six-county USEPA ozone maintenance area consists of two metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), MORPC and LCATS and each MPO develops a metropolitan transportation plan for its respective transportation study area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 49 USC, 1607, 23 USC, 134 and 42 USC, 7506, and requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, MPO Transportation Plans in ozone maintenance areas must be analyzed based on accepted methodology to be in conformity with the State Implementation (SIP) to maintain the NAAQS; and

WHEREAS, in March 2023, LCATS will amend their 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the LCATS 2020-2050 amended MTP has been analyzed and has been determined to be in conformity as documented in the *Air Quality Conformity Determination Documentation for the Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Madison and Knox County Ozone Non-Attainment Area and the Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield and Coshocton County (Franklin Twp.) PM 2.5 Non-Attainment Area dated February 2023*; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Federal Highway Administration's procedural requirements, MPOs in the same air quality area not amending their MTP must also adopt a resolution to adopt the amended air quality conformity determination analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its February 27, 2023 meeting, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its March 1, 2023 meeting recommended approval to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it adopts the updated Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Central Ohio ozone maintenance area as documented February 2023 available on the MORPC website.

Section 2. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of the 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