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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, March 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
    - **Nominating Committee Report** – Michelle Crandall (City of Hilliard), Nominating Committee Chair
    - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
  - 3. Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

**William Murdock, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Erik J. Janas**  
Chair

**Chris Amorose Groomes**  
Vice Chair

**Michelle Crandall**  
Secretary

### **Committees**

4. **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair
5. **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
6. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
7. **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 – Maria Schaper, MORPC Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Officer
  - c. **Draft 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program** – Maria Schaper, MORPC Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Officer
  - d. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
    - 1) Approval of **February 9, 2023 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
    - 2) **Proposed Resolution T-2-23: “Adopting MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments”**
    - 3) **Proposed Resolution T-3-23: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”**
    - 4) **Proposed Resolution T-4-23: “Adopting Updated Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Central Ohio Ozone Maintenance Area”**
  - e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
8. **Commission Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of **February 9, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes**
  - b. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

**9. Other Business**

2:45 p.m.      **10. Adjourn** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair

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IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.**

**The next Commission Meeting is**  
**Thursday, April 13, 2023, 1:30 p.m.**  
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## Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Michelle Crandall  
Nominating Committee Chair

**DATE:** March 9, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Executive Committee Members

### Background:

In accordance with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Articles of Agreement, the Commission will be notified at least five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting as to the nominees for MORPC's Officers and Executive Committee members.

The Nominating Committee excerpt from the Articles is as follows:

"At least twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting, the chair shall appoint the Nominating Committee. Said Nominating Committee having been duly appointed and confirmed shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting of the COMMISSION, report the names of the candidates so nominated to the secretary. The secretary shall advise each member of the COMMISSION, in writing, at least five (5) days prior to the annual meeting as to the nominees so selected. At the annual meeting, the chair of the Nominating Committee shall report the names so nominated. After this report is presented, nominations from the floor shall be invited. Such nominations must be seconded. The secretary then shall prepare ballots properly identifying the nominees, said ballots shall be distributed and tallied during the annual meeting by a temporary committee appointed for that purpose."

### The Nominating Committee Members:

As noted in a memo, Commission Chair Erik Janas has appointed five members of the Nominating Committee.

- Michelle Crandall, Committee Chair, City of Hilliard
- Jeff Benton, Delaware County
- Mike Schadek, City of Columbus
- Franklin Christman, Village of Ashville
- Nancy White, Mifflin Township

Review of Current Members of Executive Committee:

Several Executive Committee positions do not have expiring terms this year and therefore require no action by the Nominating Committee. For information, these are listed below:

- 1) **Immediate Past Chair:** Karen Angelou (2014), Council Member, City of Gahanna
  - 2) **In second year of current two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2024)**
    - a) David Scheffler (2020), Mayor, City of Lancaster
    - b) Michelle Crandall (2020), City Manager, City of Hilliard
    - c) Greg Lestini (2018), Bricker & Eckler LLP, Attorney, Franklin County representative
    - d) Franklin Christman (2018), Administrator, Village of Ashville
    - e) Chris Amorose Groomes (2018), City Council, City of Dublin
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Nominating Committee Recommendations:

The Nominating Committee convened on February 7, 2023, February 22, 2023, and March 2, 2023, and make the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions, which will be reported at the March 9, 2023 Commission meeting and considered at the April 13, 2023 Commission meeting:

The nominees for Officers for renewed one-year Officer Terms (expires 2024)

- **Chair:** Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
- **Vice-Chair:** Chris Amorose Groomes, Council Member, City of Dublin
- **Secretary:** Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard

The nominees for Executive Committee are:

- 1) **For renewal of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2024)**
    - a) Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Benefits & Compensation, City Manager, City of New Albany
    - b) Nancy White (2017), Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory, Fiscal Officer, Mifflin Township
    - c) Jennifer Gallagher (2017), Chair of Bylaws, Director of Public Service, City of Columbus
    - d) Erik Janas (2017), Chair, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
  - 2) **For renewal of two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2025):**
    - a) Jeff Benton (2019), Commissioner, Delaware County
  - 3) **For new two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2025):**
    - a) Ben Kessler (2023), Mayor, City of Bexley
    - b) Kristen Atha (2023), Director of Public Utilities, City of Columbus
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Notes:

- 1) The year after each name refers to the first year of the member's current service on the Executive Committee. For example, Joe Smith (2017) means that Joe Smith's first term began in 2017 and he has served continuously since then.
- 2) Per the bylaws, Executive Committee members may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms. One-year extensions are available if serving as an officer or committee chair.



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## MORPC Monthly Agency Report

February 2023

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### Senior Directors

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### CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

#### Mobility Management

The Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee met and began to revise strategies for Franklin County's coordinated plan. Region 6 Mobility Managers are working on a region-wide survey for April. Team Members participated in Licking County's Transportation Advisory Group and attended the Senior Service Roundtable and Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues.

#### Gohio Commute

Staff participated in the New Albany Community Showcase & Job Fair and the Union County Mobility, Workforce Connectivity Event. Gohio is running a marketing campaign on social media focusing on vanpooling and carpooling.

#### Active Transportation

MORPC is collaborating with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) on active transportation planning assistance to Franklin Township and the City of Reynoldsburg.

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

MORPC is participating in the Orange Township Active Transportation Plan planning process. MORPC provided a letter of support for the Township's application to ODOT for consultant assistance to develop an Active Transportation Plan. The Township was one of a few communities awarded throughout the state.

#### Transportation Safety

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. Discussion continues with state partners regarding the impacts of speed on transportation safety. ODOT will reconvene a statewide Speed Zoning Committee to explore additional areas of opportunity.

#### Technical Assistance Program

Technical assistance services 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 is developing a local safety action plan to identify and prioritize important transportation safety improvements in their community.

- The City of Grove City is advancing the work completed with Metro Parks through the 2022 Technical Assistance program 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 looking to identify opportunities to better connect their community with active transportation and trail facilities.

#### Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

The next Central Ohio Greenways Board meeting is March 15.

- The Trail Development and Partnership Working Group met February 16. Meeting materials are available [here](#).
- The Marketing and Operations Working Group met February 14 and focused on the April 22 Celebrate Trail Day event.

The Trail Town Framework is being updated to include a focus on suburban and urban communities in Central Ohio.

#### Central Ohio Blueways

The Central Ohio Blueways Advisory Panel met February 8 to discuss the next steps toward designation and what specific roles the Advisory Panel will play. The next meeting is March 8.

#### Regional Housing Strategy

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.

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](mailto:JNoll@morpc.org)).

#### Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Sustainability Advisory Committee met February 15 and welcomed new members from SWACO, the City of Columbus, AEP, and the City of Mount Vernon. Agenda items included policy and relevant funding updates, 2023 sustainability and community development program priorities, and the proposed revision to the federal particulate matter (PM2.5) standard. The next SAC meeting, hosted by the City of Westerville, is April 19.

#### Sustainable2050

The next Sustainable2050 meeting is March 24. Agenda items include a presentation from SWACO Executive Director Joe Lombardi and the draft Sustainability Toolkit. Membership and tier status certification is open to MORPC members. Contact Brandi Whetstone at [bwhetstone@morpc.org](mailto:bwhetstone@morpc.org) for more information.

#### Sustaining Scioto Board

The Sustaining Scioto Board met February 22. Meeting materials are available [here](#).

#### Ohio Water Resources Planning Work

Team Members 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

On February 21, MORPC, Ohio EPA, and Franklin County Public Health began 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.

On February 7, MORPC released its end of season air quality report for Central Ohio: [Central Ohio Air Quality End-of-Season Report 2022](#).

As noted above, the U.S. EPA's proposed particulate matter (PM) standard revision was published in the federal register in February. This triggered a 60-day public comment period (ends March 28). MORPC is engaging our Sustainability Advisory Committee, Working Group Leadership, Members, Regional Policy Roundtable, and others to review and provide comments. To learn more, contact MORPC's Air Quality & Sustainability Coordinator Prince Kwarteng Crooklynn ([pkwarteng@morpc.org](mailto:pkwarteng@morpc.org)).

### Energy Planning

MORPC is conducting the City of Columbus' 2023 greenhouse gas inventory to support their ongoing reporting commitments.

### Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The Regional Data Advisory Committee met March 7. Meeting materials are available [here](#).

- The Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group met February 14 and February 21 to begin the process of refining recommended agenda items for the 2023-2025 Regional data Agenda.
- The Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group finalized plans for Data Day. In-person tickets for the March 1 event sold out.
- The Local Government Resources Working Group developed a public-facing Data Policy Resource Library released at the Data Day event.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Steering Committee met February 1. MORPC and RIDG members are working to fill the chair vacancy.
- The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) met February 22 and reviewed the ESRI dashboard created from a survey sent to the group in 2022.

### Data Management

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

### Data & Research Activities

County-level forecasts of population, households, labor force, and employment (a.k.a. "county control totals") were completed and released on MORPC's Population Resource Hub. 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](http://www.morpc.org/popforecast).

MORPC is collaborating with CHRR at OSU on an American Population Panel (APP) public opinion poll surrounding transportation needs and experiences. The poll is open February 21-March 17. As part of this partnership, MORPC is working to help expand the APP participants to include more racially, geographically, and socio-economically diverse individuals. Sign up at <https://go.osu.edu/JOINNOW>.

### 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.

MORPC renewed its partnership with HBCU Connect, the nation's largest network of Historically Black College and University graduates and students. The partnership includes:

- Access to utilize HBCU Connect's Career Portal to post job postings to diverse audiences.
- A new benefit for MORPC Members: Member communities and organizations will be able to take advantage of HBCU Connect's career resources by posting their niche and hard-to-fill senior/executive level positions at no cost.

MORPC participated in OhioMBE's February 17 Procurement Fair. OhioMBE is Ohio's largest Black-owned business newspaper. MORPC's participation facilitated connections with new MBE suppliers, supporting the agency's MBE Strategy.

Team Members attended the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) national 2023 State of COMTO address.

## DRIVE INVESTMENT

### Advocacy

On February 2 MORPC Team Members met with Governor DeWine's Staff and advocated for the Ohio Rail Development Commission to submit corridor identification projects to the Federal Rail Administration.

On February 21 MORPC Executive Director William Murdock provided testimony on the state transportation budget (HB 23) before the Ohio House Finance Subcommittee on Transportation.

Team Members participated in the Ohio Association of Regional Councils and the Ohio Rural Development Alliance public policy meetings.

### Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Objectives and Performance Measures were adopted in February. Team Members continue to add candidate projects to the MTP database after review of local, state and regional plans. Staff began developing project evaluation criteria.

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

Staff applied for a grant amendment with the FTA to alter FFY 21 funding due to vehicle production cost overruns. Team Members met with FTA Region 5 representatives to discuss 2023 plans.

### US 23 Connect Study

Team Members participated in study partner meetings and reviewed timelines and public engagement materials. Staff participated in segment level workshops with the study team to review concepts for the feasibility study.

### LinkUS Mobility Initiative

MORPC is coordinating with COTA on an intergovernmental agreement for the transit supportive infrastructure (TSI) work. Team Members are assisting in the Downtown Transportation Study with the City of Columbus, ODOT, and COTA. MORPC hosted workgroup meetings with partners to advance the LinkUS Community Action Plan goals. Staff participated in the February 14 Women in Transportation (WTS) transit luncheon to discuss LinkUS.

### Interregional Connections

MORPC is working with 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 and is assisting as a co-applicant with the City of Ft. Wayne for the Chicago-Ft. Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh (Midwest Connect) passenger rail line.

### Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

CORPO submitted the first draft of their 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ODOT. County-level sub-committee meetings are scheduled for March and April.

### Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The first draft of the SFY 2024-2027 TIP was submitted to ODOT on February 1. The Final Draft will be posted for public comment on March 10. The TIP Public Open House is March 28 at MORPC, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at which time MORPC Staff will present the TIP and answer any questions. Public comments will be accepted March 10-April 10 via mail or email at [tip@morpc.org](mailto:tip@morpc.org).

### MORPC-Attributable Funding

Thirty-nine comments were received during the public comment period (January 6-February 8) for the Draft Recommendations for Funding. Final funding commitments will be considered for approval during the March meetings.

### Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

TRAC released their draft funding recommendations February 22 and will vote to finalize project funding March 29. The 2023 application cycle is expected to open May 1 and run through the end of the month.

### Federal Competitive Programs

Team Members assisted several local members with RAISE grant applications. Staff wrote letters of support for two projects seeking funding through U.S. EPA programs.

### Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

Competitive Advantage Projects were shared with Central Ohio's Congressional Representatives, and Ohio's Senators, during MORPC's Leadership Team's visit to Washington, D.C. Team Members are finalizing the projects to display on MORPC's website and interactive CAP web map.

### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

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

### Drive Investment

Team Members participated in a regional stakeholder meeting on how Central Ohio can better compete for federal discretionary funds.

Team Members crafted and disseminated letters of support for various RAISE grants, 3C+D, and Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh letters.

### Regional Policy Roundtable

The Regional Policy Roundtable met February 14. Rep. Jeff LaRe provided an update on distracted driving public policy efforts.

### Brownfield Assessments

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

### Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

Final applications for Round 17 are due March 10. For more information, contact Edwina Teye ([eteye@morpc.org](mailto:eteye@morpc.org)).

## **PAY IT FORWARD**

### Local Government Summer Intern Program

Team Members are screening 51 requests for the 2023 Local Government Summer Intern Program. MORPC participated in an OSU Knowlton Career Fair. Team Members are coordinating funding sources and subsidies.

### Events

Member Briefings, Events and Visits:

- Joint luncheon with MODE: Central Ohio Supply Chain Economic Outlook & Impact on Infrastructure
- Hosted Governing Essentials Program with the Ohio University Voinovich School of Public Leadership and Service
- Nominating Committee met twice
- Three state of the city events
- Six member visits

### Upcoming Events

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

- MTP Draft Regional Transportation Plan Objectives and Performance Measures
- Attributable Funds Public Comment Period
- American Population Panel

MORPC Team Members attended the Clean Fuels Ohio (CFO) Communications and Engagement Committee meeting. CFO is under new leadership and in the process of revamping the committee and searching for additional community partners.

## **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](http://www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews)

### Residential Services

Team Members are continuing to look at ways to attract general contractors including:

- Coordinating a meeting with banks and ECDI to determine next steps for funding.
- Finalizing the General Contractor Application.
- Looking for a “home” for documents/applications.

### WarmChoice

Production is proceeding as normal and is on pace for goal. There is a backlog in Intake and initial inspectors' schedules remain full. May potentially add a new WarmChoice contractor.

### HWAP

HWAP inspections are going well; many combination jobs are in the queue for inspections. Production is proceeding normally and is on pace for goal. Administrative monitoring was performed in February by ODOT, no required actions were found. Team Members are adding QR codes to vans in the upcoming weeks.

### Housing

Team Members are moving forward to create a template for home inspections. Work is beginning on Healthy Homes projects.

### Personnel Updates

Programming Executive Assistant Kelsey Matson moved to support Executive Director Murdock and the Government Affairs & Community Relations Team on February 21.

New Temporary Programming Executive Assistant Susan Balkun began March 1.

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Associate Planner or Engineer
- Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
- Customer Service Specialist
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development Intern
- Senior Planner
- Strategic Director of Technology

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:

- 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-rfq/>.



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**Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 9, 2023  
Time: 2:44 p.m.  
Location: MORPC Town Hall

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**Transportation Policy Committee Members Present In Person**

Chris Amorose Groomes	Matt Huffman	Bonnie Michael
Karen Angelou	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Lauren Rummel
Lee Bodnar	Monica Irelan	Michael Schadek
Ben Collins	Emily Keeler	Jim Schimmer
Emily Cooner for	Ben Kessler	Kimberly Sharp
Kevin Boyce	Bill LaFayette	Thom Slack
Tina Cottone	Greg Lestini	Robyn Stewart
Karl Craven	Kim Maggard	Andy Volenik
Kristen Easterday	Glenn Marzluf	Christie Ward
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Rory McGuinness	Nancy White
Jennifer Gallagher	Rozland McKee	

**Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely**

LaGrieta Acheampong	Christine Houk	Eric Richter
Barry Adler	Laurie Jadwin	Ryan Rivers
Herb Asher	Erik Janas	Lori Sanders
Andy Bashore	James Jewell	Eric Sandine
Beth Beatty	Benjamin King	Joe Stefanov
Susan Brobst	Jill Love	Brent Welch for Cornell
Ron Bullard	Steve Mazer	Robertson
Greg Butcher	Jason Nicodemus	Kenneth Wright
Shane Farnsworth	Megan O'Callaghan	

**Commission Members Present In Person**

Joe Antram	Bill Habig	Matt Starr
Jamie Brucker	Don McDaniel	RC Wise
Sam Filkins	David Scheffler	

**Commission Members Attending Remotely**

Stephanie Bosco	Herb Koehler	Eric Phillips
Franklin Christman	Haley Lupton	Sean Staneart
Joy Davis	Kerr Murray	Tony Vogel
Terry Emery	Bill Narducci	

**Associate Members Attending Remotely**

Kristin Sutton	Kyle Wilson for Jennifer Fish
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**MORPC Staff Present in Person**

Todd Bradley	Ethan Hug	Kyle Probert
Kerstin Carr	Niel Jurist	Melissa Rapp
Dave Dixon	Grant Lach	Shari Saunders
Thea Ewing	Eileen Leuby	Robin Underwood
Joe Garrity	Kelsey Matson	Brandi Whetstone
Nick Gill	Amanda McElDowney	Robert Williams
Ralonda Hampton	William Murdock	
Shawn Hufstedler	Anthony Perry	

**MORPC Staff Attending Remotely**

Andrea Doolittle	Prince Kwarteng-Crooklyn	Emma Strange
Madison Jones	Maria Schaper	

### **Guests Present in Person**

Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

### **Guests Attending Remotely**

Jonett Haberfield, Visit Fairfield County  
Dave Medley, Hopewell Township  
Andy Shifflette, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Daniel Van Epps  
Sheila Wilamowski Boehner, Kegler Brown  
Hill + Ritter

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Vice Chair Chris Amorose Groomes called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:44 p.m.

### **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**

- **Programming – Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director**

Nick Gill reported that MORPC sent the draft SFY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ODOT last week. The TIP is the short-range list of projects that will be receiving state and federal funds through various programs. The public comment period is March 10-April 10. The TIP will be presented for adoption in May.

In December, the Attributable Funds Committee recommended committing \$148 million in new funding to 23 projects from 13 different entities. The recommendations went through a public comment period from January 7-February 8. MORPC Team members are compiling the comments received to report to the Attributable Funds Committee. The recommendations will be brought to the Transportation Policy Committee next month for adoption.

MORPC awarded the following communities Technical Assistance Program Awards for 2023:

- City of Delaware – Safety Action Plan
- Berlin Township – Trail access and Greenways vision planning
- Brown Township – Trail access and Greenways vision planning
- City of Grove City – Trail access and Greenways vision planning
- Violet Township – Trail access and Greenways vision planning

### **2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director**

Nick Gill gave an update on the [2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#). The proposed objectives and targets were presented to the Transportation Policy Committee last month. The comment period was December 23, 2022-January 23, 2023 and did not result in any changes to the draft. Comments received will be incorporated into methodology during strategy development. Maria Schaper is the MORPC lead for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

- **Proposed Resolution T-1-23: “Adopting Objectives and Performance Measures to be included in the 2040-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan”**

Karen Angelou made a motion to approved Resolution T-1-23, second by Greg Lestini; motion passed.

### **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**

Kim Maggard made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Jennifer Gallagher; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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Michelle Crandall, Secretary  
**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**



# MID-OHIO REGIONAL **MORPC** PLANNING COMMISSION

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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.

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

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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	Fishing 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

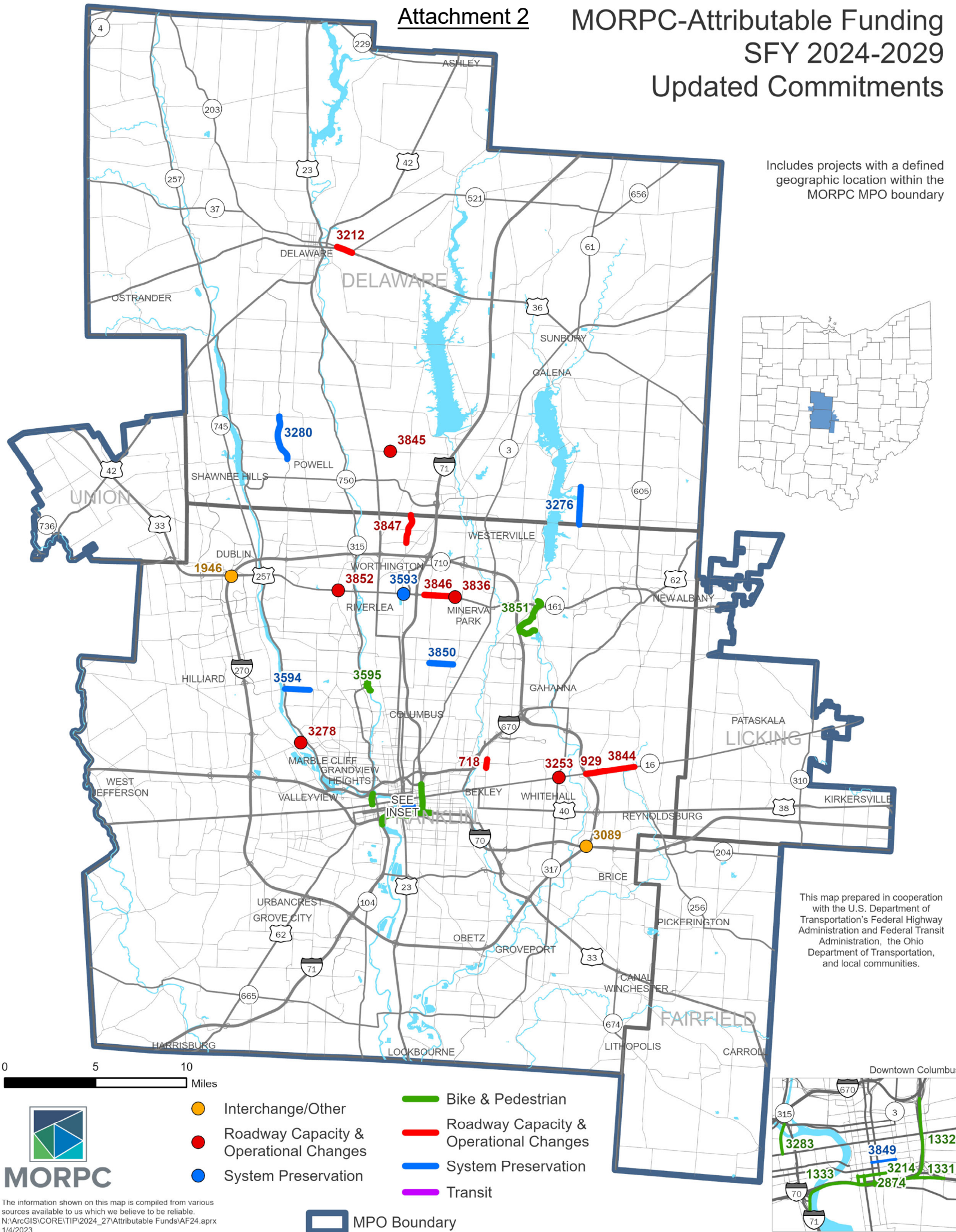
111		Franklin County	Cassady Avenue (I-670 to Agler Road)	28/29	\$10,189,663				\$573,600		\$9,616,063	
115		Columbus	SR-161 at Busch BLVD & Ambleside DR	28/29	\$11,053,364				\$970,593		\$10,082,771	
110		Franklin County TID	Alum Creek Drive (SR 317 to Groveport Road)	28/29	\$10,500,000			\$341,538			\$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.

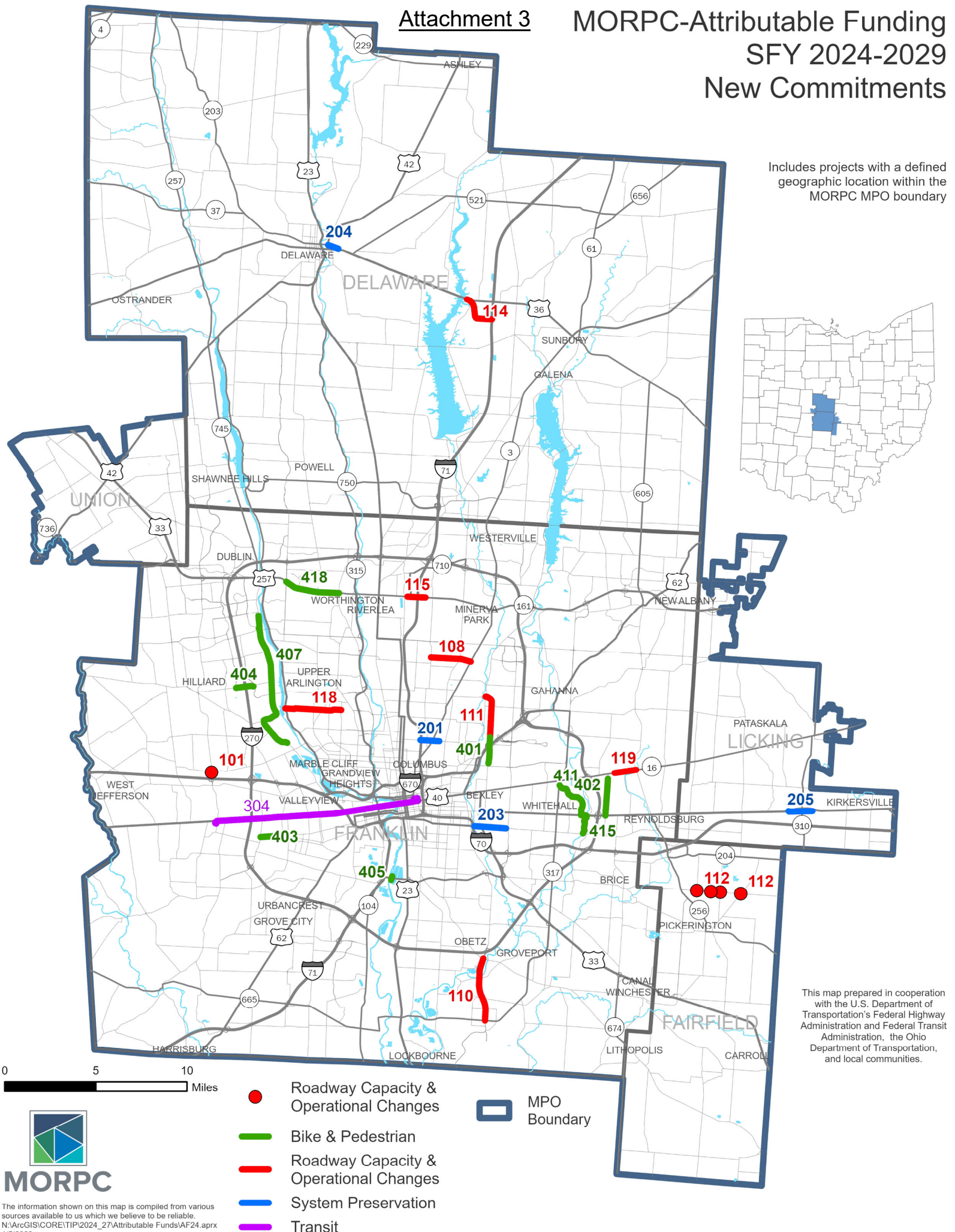
\*\*Future funding commitments for these projects are to repay debt incurred when the project went to construction.

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



# Attributable Funding SFY 2024-2029 New Commitments

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



This map prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and local communities.



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Transportation Policy 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.

NTG:TG

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.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair

**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

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

# Resolution T-3-23

## 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 - Cap Amount**

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:** Signalized crosswalk.

**State Fiscal Year**

**Phase**

**Source**

**Amount**

2022

Right-of-Way

STBG-M

\$82,500

**MORPC Funds - Cap Amount**

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.

# Resolution T-3-23

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**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.

**State Fiscal Year**

**Phase**

**Source**

**Amount**

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.

**State Fiscal Year**

**Phase**

**Source**

**Amount**

2023

PE-Environmental Study

GRF

\$8,000,000

**Total:**

**\$8,000,000**

# Resolution T-3-23

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

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### 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
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$115,765,584</b>

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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](http://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.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair

**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Programming Department Staff



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## Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9, 2023  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Location: MORPC Town Hall

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### **Commission Members Present In Person**

Chris Amorose Groomes	Jennifer Gallagher	Rory McGuiness
Karen Angelou	Bill Habig	Rozland McKee
Joe Antram	Matt Huffman	Bonnie Michael
Lee Bodnar	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Lauren Rummel
Jamie Brucker	Monica Irelan	Michael Schadek
Ben Collins	Emily Keeler	David Scheffler
Emily Cooner for	Ben Kessler	Jim Schimmer
Kevin Boyce	Bill LaFayette	Matt Starr
Tina Cottone	Greg Lestini	Robyn Stewart
Karl Craven	Kim Maggard	Christie Ward
Sam Filkins	Glenn Marzluf	Nancy White
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Don McDaniel	RC Wise

### **Commission Members Attending Remotely**

Barry Adler	Christine Houk	Megan O'Callaghan
Herb Asher	Laurie Jadwin	Eric Phillips
Andy Bashore	Erik Janas	Eric Richter
Beth Beatty	James Jewell	Ryan Rivers
Stephanie Bosco	Benjamin King	Lori Sanders
Susan Brobst	Herb Koehler	Eric Sandine
Ron Bullard	Jill Love	Sean Staneart
Greg Butcher	Haley Lupton	Joe Stefanov
Franklin Christman	Steve Mazer	Tony Vogel
Joy Davis	Kerr Murray	Brent Welch for Cornell
Terry Emery	Bill Narducci	Robertson
Shane Farnsworth	Jason Nicodemus	Kenneth Wright

### **Transportation Policy Committee Members Present In Person**

Kristen Easterday	Thom Slack
Kimberly Sharp	Andy Volenik

### **Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely**

LaGrieta Acheampong

### **Associate Members Present in Person**

Kristin Sutton	Kyle Wilson for Jennifer Fish
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### **MORPC Staff Present in Person**

Todd Bradley	Ethan Hug	Kyle Probert
Kerstin Carr	Niel Jurist	Melissa Rapp
Dave Dixon	Grant Lach	Shari Saunders
Thea Ewing	Eileen Leuby	Robin Underwood
Joe Garrity	Kelsey Matson	Brandi Whetstone
Nick Gill	Amanda McElowney	Robert Williams
Ralonda Hampton	William Murdock	
Shawn Hufstedler	Anthony Perry	

### **MORPC Staff Attending Remotely**

Andrea Doolittle	Prince Kwarteng-Crooklynn	Emma Strange
Madison Jones	Maria Schaper	

**Guests Present in Person**

Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

**Guests Attending Remotely**

Jonett Haberfield, Visit Fairfield County  
Dave Medley, Hopewell Township  
Andy Shifflette, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Daniel Van Epps  
Sheila Wilamowski Boehner, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

**Meeting Called to Order – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Vice Chair**

Vice Chair Chris Amorose Grooms called the Commission meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Vice Chair Amorose Grooms asked for a moment of silence in memory of Claire Yoder, Commission Member from Jefferson Township and Village of Ashville Mayor Charles “Chuck” Wise.

Vice Chair Amorose Grooms reported the Nominating Committee, chaired by Michelle Crandall, met this week and meets again February 22. So far, three individuals have expressed interest in serving on the Executive Committee. Any Commission member interested in serving on the Executive Committee is welcome to contact any of the Board Officers or William Murdock. The Nominating Committee recommendations will be presented in March in advance of April’s Board elections.

**Recognition of Guests – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer**

Eileen Leuby welcomed Kerr Murray from Marion County and Kyle Wilson from Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District.

**Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director**

William Murdock shared that Thea Ewing is leaving MORPC to join the HNTB Team working with federal, state, and local entities on new and emerging transportation technologies across the country. Ms. Ewing shared MORPC is an amazing place to work and she will be rooting for the Commission wherever she goes. In lieu of Ms. Ewing’s departure, Mr. Murdock named Nick Gill the Interim Senior Director of Programming. The job posting for the open position will be going up soon.

MORPC hit the ground running this year going all over the region from a tour in Licking County to a regional breakfast hosted by Marysville and everything in between. We are trying to keep up with communities’ annual states of the cities, townships, and counties. Mr. Murdock thanked members for the invitations.

Mr. Murdock highlighted some of the work MORPC Team Members are doing:

- The Communications & Engagement Team, under the leadership of Níel Jurist, is getting our news and message out which helps shape the regional conversation. Ms. Jurist also leads in our DE&I efforts and is a national leader in this area as well.
- MORPC wants to build value for our members and be a resource for you. More to be shared later in today’s meeting.
- MORPC worked with COMMA last week on how to move housing from planning to getting things done. Robert Williams continues work on helping contractors connect to our housing programs.
- Our Strategic Framework is moving into a new phase. We are working with a messaging and communications firm to make it easier for members to share MORPC’s message.

Last month a MORPC Team attended the National Association of Regional Councils National Conference of Regions in Washington, DC. The team met with federal officials such as the ODOT Deputy Secretary and the Federal Railroad Administration. They also met with the Central Ohio Congressional Offices including a meeting with three congressmen at the same time. Mr. Murdock

thanked Vice Chair Amorose Groomes who was instrumental in setting up the meeting. Joe Garrity will share more later in today's meeting.

Mr. Murdock congratulated Transportation Study Director Nick Gill's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at MORPC.

Mr. Murdock introduced and welcomed MORPC's new Regional Investment Officer Todd Bradley. Dr. Bradley is looking forward to contributing in different ways and bringing value to MORPC members and stakeholders. Dr. Bradley shared he wants to help members and ancillary partners do a better job, not just apply for grants, but garner funders' attention. He is hosting focus groups on Mondays.

Yesterday Governor DeWine announced Ohio is moving forward with an application for passenger rail. The collective work of the Commission helped change the Governor's opinion on the value of passenger rail. Central Ohio is the largest region in the country not on the national passenger rail network. Applications are due the end of March. The Ohio Rail Development Commission is applying for the 3C&D route. MORPC is collaborating with partners in Indiana to apply for the Chicago-Fort Wayne-Lima-Marysville-Columbus-Pittsburgh route. This may be the only round for the next few years to have potential routes added. Support letters from communities and major employers are critical. MORPC will provide templates.

Registration is open for the March 31 State of the Region. This year's theme is Powering Our Region Forward. Mr. Murdock thanked the City of Grove City, presenting sponsor.

MORPC is working with CHRR at OSU on a public opinion poll in conjunction with the State of the Region. The Columbus Dispatch is our media partner. The focus for now is to get people to register for the survey. The first poll is on transportation.

The MORPC: Driving Investment to our Region Luncheon is Thursday, March 2, 11:30 a.m. at MORPC.

There is still time to register for the Ohio University Voinovich School's Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials. The course is a safe place to learn what comes with an elected position.

- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Update** – Níel Jurist, MORPC Senior Director of Communications & Engagement

Níel Jurist presented the [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Update](#). MORPC's DE&I efforts are core values threaded throughout our work in the region and guided by six focus areas. One focus area we are concentrating on is supplier diversity and procurement and recently created a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Strategy to strengthen our efforts and reach the goals for that focus area. MORPC is partnering with the Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council which offers increased procurement and business opportunities for MBEs while assisting in the development of supplier diversity programs.

The two main goals in the Workforce and Leadership focus area are to improve diverse representation and engagement and to commit to a culturally competent workforce and board. We have a new partnership with HBCU Connect that allows us to post job positions that will be shared with their members. In the next few months, this will also be offered free to Commission members. Ms. Jurist recognized MORPC's Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Officer Ralonda Hampton.

- **Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer**

Eileen Leuby presented the [Membership Services Report](#) highlighting:

- 2022 Board Attendance
- Opportunities to Build Value for Members
- Regional Update Breakfasts
- Central Ohio's Supply Chain Economic Outlook
- 2023 Rural Service Strategy
- Summer Internship Program

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

David Scheffler made a motion to approve Resolution 01-23, second by Joe Antram; motion passed.

**Committees**

**Regional Data Advisory Committee – Dave Dixon, MORPC Director of Data Analytics and Strategy**

Dave Dixon presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). The Regional Data Advisory Committee's (RDAC) next meeting is March 7. The RDAC working groups are continuing to make progress on objectives from the '21-'22 agenda as well as looking ahead to what's next.

MORPC is partnering with the Center for Human Resources Research (CHRR) at The Ohio State University to gain insights through their public opinion polling process and help diversify the panel of survey respondents. The first survey focuses on transportation experiences and preferences. Sign up and/or learn more [here](#).

Data Day is March 1 at the Ohio University Dublin Campus. Keynote speakers are Dr. Anirudh Ruhil with Ohio University and Michael Wilkos with United Way of Central Ohio.

The Online Resources Library will be live on the MORPC website in time for Data Day. The Local Government Resources Working Group will now focus on expanding and refining the library and developing ongoing processes needed to maintain this resource into the future.

The Regional Data Agenda Update working group is updating the Regional Data Agenda focusing on regional impact over the next few years. The Working Group began determining the criteria which will help drive the development of the new agenda, collecting agenda recommendations from a variety of sources, and deciding on a process which leverages a variety of information sources and perspectives. The Working Group will present a refined list of potential agenda items at the next RDAC meeting.

- **Regional Population Forecast – Dave Dixon, MORPC Director of Data Analytics and Strategy**

Dave Dixon presented the [2024-2050 Population Forecasts](#). MORPC's 15-county Central Ohio Region is on track to reach nearly 3.15 million residents by 2050. This places Central Ohio among the fastest-growing large metros in the country. While Franklin County will receive half of the newcomers, growth in surrounding counties will be more significant relative to their current populations.

Central Ohio, like the nation, is showing a continued trend of increased death rates and lower birth rates. Central Ohio is one of the only parts of the state benefitting from in-migration from other states and countries.

Over 100,000 new housing units will be required in the next decade. According to the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Central Ohio, housing permitting must increase approximately two-fold from recent trends to meet anticipated demand. Thoughtful land use planning is critical to providing housing and transportation options, improving air quality, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and protecting our rivers and lakes.

More information can be found on the [Central Ohio Population Resource Hub](#).

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

David Scheffler presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). The Regional Policy Roundtable completed the 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda. Mayor Scheffler thanked the Public Policy Agenda Working Group, especially Chair Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, and the Communications & Engagement Team. The agenda is already being shared with legislators. Mayor Scheffler reported that some of our long-term advocacy efforts have paid off. Last month the legislature passed, and the governor signed, the distracted driving bill. Mayor Scheffler thanked everyone who contributed to that effort. The next meeting of the Regional Policy Roundtable is February 14.

- **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
- MORPC's Drive Investment Strategy
- Member Directed Spending
- Ohio House Speaker Jason Stephens
- Ohio House
- Operating Budget
- Transportation Budget
- 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 reported he is Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee for another term and Mayor Laurie Jadwin continues as Vice Chair. New SAC members include:

- Joe Lombardi, SWACO Executive Director
- Sandy Nessing, AEP VP and Chief Sustainability Officer
- Alana Shockey, City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities Sustainability Assistant Director
- Mayor Matthew Starr, City of Mount Vernon

The next SAC meeting is February 15.

The Central Ohio Blueways Advisory Panel Kickoff Meeting was January 27 with representations from a variety of partners and stakeholders. The goal of the panel is to obtain State Water Trail Designation for our five major river corridors. The Advisory Panel will meet monthly, while the Partnership Groups, made up of impacted jurisdictions along each major waterway, will start being formed. Contact Jonathan Miller at [jmiller@morpc.org](mailto:jmiller@morpc.org) with questions.

The U.S. Department of Energy is rolling out two programs supporting energy efficiency and clean energy projects for local governments. The Clean Energy to Communities program (C2C) focuses on

providing technical assistance and peer learning cohorts. Applications are expected to open in March. More information is available on the [C2C website](#). The Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds energy audits, clean energy and energy efficiency, EV infrastructure, and planning. There are two types of EECBG grants:

- Formula funding is available to eligible local governments based on population criteria. There are over 10 MORPC communities eligible for this. [List of eligible communities](#).
- Competitive funds are available for those entities not included in formula funding now through January 2024. Collaboration with other jurisdictions is encouraged. Pre-award information must be submitted by April 28.

More information is available on the [EECBG website](#) or contact Brian Filiatraut at [bfiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto:bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

- **Air Quality End of Season Report – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC Sustainability Officer**  
Brandi Whetstone presented the [Central Ohio Air Quality End of Season Report](#). The full report is available on [MORPC's website](#). MORPC issues daily air quality forecasts for ozone and PM2.5 pollution, and issues Air Quality Alerts when pollution levels are expected to reach levels that are Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups. Central Ohio has demonstrated a continuous trend of improvement over the last 30 years, largely due to emissions reductions. There is some variation year to year due to weather conditions and other factors.

June 2022 was the first month MORPC issued air quality alerts since August 2020. On June 21, the daily ozone Air Quality Index (AQI) value reached 143, which was the highest ozone day in the Columbus region since 2012. There were three days in June where the region exceeded the ozone standard due to wildfire smoke carried into the Columbus region, high temperatures in the mid-90s, and light winds.

Overall, most days in Central Ohio were in the Good AQI category. (84% of summer days were good AQI for ozone and 96% of all days were good AQI for PM2.5). PM2.5, or particulate matter, is made up of solid particles or liquid droplets in the air that can enter the lungs and bloodstream.

The U.S. EPA recently announced its proposed revision to the PM2.5 standard (strengthening from the current 12 micrograms per meter cubed to between 9 and 10 micrograms per meter cubed). The 60-day comment period closes March 28. MORPC will work with the Energy & Air Quality Working Group, Sustainability Advisory Committee and Regional Policy Roundtable before submitting comments.

Ms. Whetstone recognized MORPC Air Quality and Sustainability Coordinator Prince Kwarteng-Crooklyn.

**Transportation Policy Committee – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Vice Chair**  
Vice Chair Groomes called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:44 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

### **Commission Consent Agenda**

Bonnie Michael made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Jennifer Gallagher; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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Michelle Crandall, Secretary  
**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**