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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

April 5, 2023
9:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

9:00 a.m.   **Welcome & Introductions –** James Young, Chair

9:02 a.m.   **Approval of March 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

9:03 a.m.   **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** – Nick Gill, MORPC,
Jennifer Noll, MORPC

9:10 a.m.   **Funding Programs**
- Attributable Funds Project Status Update – Thomas Graham, MORPC
- Draft SFY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham, MORPC

9:20 a.m.   **2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
- 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Maria Schaper, MORPC

9:30 a.m.   **Informational Items**
- TAC Member Update – Columbus – Tim Nittle, City of Columbus
- Draft FY 2024 Planning Work Program (PWP) – Nick Gill, MORPC
- TAC Subcommittees
  - Intelligent Transportation Systems – Jon Heider - MORPC
  - Active Transportation Committee - Matt Peoples, City of Canal Winchester

9:55 a.m.   **Other Business**

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

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The next TAC meeting is
May 3, 2023, at 9 a.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: **March 1, 2023**
Time: **9:00 a.m.**
Location: **MORPC**

Members Present

Andrako, Mike (online)	Huffman, Matt (online)	Peoples, Matthew
Biesterveld, Andrew	Jenkins, Tiffany	Sanders, Scott
Boucher, Christine	Komlanc, Tom	Schamp, Letty
Comek, Laura (online)	Lockhart, Josh (online)	Toth, Kelly
Cox, Barbara	Moran, Alan	Weaver, Kevin
Davidson, Brian	Moss, Kimberly (online)	Wilfong, Gary
Ferrigno, William	Nittle, Tim	Young, James
Francis, Corey		

Guests

Bakare, Tajudeen (online)	Hibbard, Tom
Bender, Doug	Hill, Anthony
Ciotola, Michael (online)	Keegan, Jack
Gallagher, John	

MORPC Staff

Balkun, Susan	Lewis, Elliott
Fay, Xander (online)	Matson, Kelsey
Gardocki, John	Ratliff, Chuck
Graham, Thomas	Schaper, Maria
Hinder, John	Strange, Emma

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Chair Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Approval of February 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes

- Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the February 1, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Nittle moved; Ms. Schamp seconded; and the motion passed**.**

III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Maria Schaper, MORPC

- Ms. Schaper provided an update from Delaware County Transit. They are launching a strategic plan RFP for solicitation on March 6, 2023. The proposal period will close on April 4, 2023. They are also purchasing four used buses from COTA via Share Mobility. Ridership is up over 25% compared to January 2022. They serviced about 8,200 trips. They continue to review internal policies and industry best practices, ensuring they are positioned well to service the continued growth in the region.

- MORPC convened the first Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee, and they began to revise strategies for Franklin County's coordinated plan and established a monthly meeting schedule.
- Ms. Schaper stated there were five RAISE grant applications submitted by the due date of February 28, 2023. Awarded grants are expected to be announced by the U.S. DOT in June 2023. Four grant applications were submitted from the MPO region and one from Licking County.

IV. **Funding Programs**
- Attributable Funds Project Status Update – Thomas Graham, MORPC
  - Mr. Graham presented the project status updates for the Attributable Funds Commitments for State Fiscal Year 2023.
  - The right-away commitments for East Broad Street and Cassidy Avenue have been encumbered. A portion of the funding for the Delaware Point Project has been encumbered. There will be more funds encumbered as the project progresses. All projects are moving forward.

- Proposed Resolution T-2-23: "Adopting MORPC Attributable Funding Commitments" – Thomas Graham, MORPC
  - Mr. Graham stated 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. Staff felt these comments did not necessitate any adjustments to the funding recommendations.
  - Mr. Graham stated there was one request from an applicant to move $2 million from the Ferris Road project to the Alum Creek Drive project as a result of a federal earmark that was allocated towards the Ferris Road project. Mr. Graham stated he reached out to Attributable Funds Committee members and there were no issues with the adjustment. The funding recommendations that are attached to Proposed Resolution T-2-23 reflects that $2 million was shifted back to the Ferris Road project.
  - Chair Young asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-2-23; Mr. Ferrigno moved; Mr. Sanders seconded; and the motion passed.

- Proposed Resolution T-3-23: "Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program" – Thomas Graham, MORPC
  - Mr. Graham stated this will be the last amendment of SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. In July, the SFY will move to 2024-2027 TIP. There will be more information available in the future.
  - Mr. Graham focused on the 2021-2024 TIP program stating Proposed Resolution T-3-23 is one of the normal quarterly amendments. It will add or modify five projects in the SFY 2021-2024 TIP with commitments totaling over $115 million. Mr. Graham provided a brief overview of these projects.
  - Chair Young asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-3-23; Mr. Weaver moved; Mr. Peoples seconded; and the motion passed.

- Transportation Review Advisory Council Project List Update – Elliott Lewis, MORPC

- Mr. Lewis presented the TRAC Draft Recommended Program. There was a total of 30 applications submitted statewide requesting $815 million in new construction funds. There were six applications from the MORPC MPO area for a total of $304 million in requests, which was over one-third of the statewide requests.
- Mr. Lewis stated that all 6 projects were funded, with four receiving full funding. Statewide, we had one-fifth of the implications and nearly a quarter of the draft award.
- Mr. Lewis indicated that right now, there is a TRAC Draft Recommended Program. TRAC will vote on a final program on March 29, 2023. The public comment period is currently open until March 23,2023 and comments can be submitted online at www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/trac.

V.   Resolutions

- Proposed Resolution "T-4-23 Adopting Updated Air Quality Conformity Determination for The Central Ohio Ozone Maintenance Area". – Maria Schaper, MORPC
    - Ms. Schaper stated Resolution T-4-23 adopts and updates 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.
    - Ms. Schaper stated there are 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 a freeway widening project. MORPC, working with LCATS has updated the previous air quality conformity determination document. The updated document is available on the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan section of the MORPC website at www.morpc.org/mtp. Resolution T-4-23 completes our part of the collaborative process with LCATS for this matter.
    - Chair Young asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-4-23; Mr. Nittle moved; Ms. Schamp seconded; and the motion passed.

VI.   2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

- Ms. Schaper presented a status update and upcoming milestones. Ms. Schaper stated the MTP identifies regional transportation strategies and projects that span 20+ year, are fiscally constrained and is formal document submitted to ODOT and U.S. DOT every four years. It is the guiding document that U.S. DOT refers to when considering federal investments. All projects must be on this plan to be eligible for federal funding. In 2022, we adopted six goals that guided the development of this plan. Ms. Schaper stated that in February 2023, we adopted objectives and performance measures in order to measure progress.
- Ms. Schaper informed the committee that over the course of the next 25+ years, Central Ohio will see a growth of 726,000 people, which equates to 272,000 additional households and 357,000 additional workers.
- Ms. Schaper closed the presentation stating that the current activities of the MTP include 2050 population and employment forecasts, compiling candidate

> projects, and developing project evaluation criteria. The 2024-2050 MTP will be adopted in May of 2024.
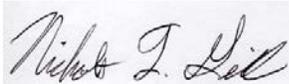
- Ms. Schamp asked if we have changed the way we look at traffic zones and growth rates and can we learn from mistakes made in the past. Ms. Schaper stated that at a regional level, it is a different process than at a local level. From a regional level, it is based on the land use policy that each region has in place and attractiveness factors that would contribute to growth. MORPC is looking at each study and developing creative ways to forecast. It is an iterative process.
- Mr. Nittle asked that within the fifteen county area, what counties are involved in the process of developing the model? Ms. Schaper stated that it is the MPO and CORPO areas, Licking, Logan, and Fayette counties that comprise MORPC's area of interest.
- Mr. Nittle stated that although the MTP is for the MPO area, it seems we are taking into account other areas in the plan. Ms. Schaper confirmed that the MTP is for the MPO area only and further commented that we use the land use allocation model from other areas mainly for planning purposes.

VII.   Other Business
- No other business was brought forward.

VIII.   Adjourn
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Nick Gill, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPORT

March 2023

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- Shared county-level 2050 population forecasts and continued work to distribute population forecast to smaller geographies.
- Continued to review local plans and collect candidate projects.
- Began developing project evaluation criteria based upon recently adopted performance measures.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

Mobility Management

- The second Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee (FCMAC) meeting was held; during which two new strategies were added to Franklin County's portion of the Regional Mobility Plan. The mobility manager continued to attend stakeholder meetings such as the Senior Service Roundtable, CACDI, and attended the Mobility Management Roundtable.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

- 5310 program information was presented to the Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee in March to discuss the program.
- Work began to incorporate 2022 5310 awards into the federal grants system (TrAMs).

Gohio Commute
- Met with several Job & family Service organizations within our region to discuss Gohio Commute TDM programs to assist with workforce transportation.
- Along with transportation partners CoGo, COTA, Special Improvement District (SID) and Spin Scooters, the team held a transportation fair at 88 E. Broad Street to educate commuters about sustainable transportation options.
- Participated in the Employer Workforce Resource Expo, sponsored by Columbus State Community College.

Transportation Planning Activities:

US 23 Connect Study
- Worked with the ODOT team and their consultants to review stakeholder feedback and incorporate into the identification of concepts to be advanced in the study process. The next phase of public involvement will be in the summer.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative
- Worked with COTA on an interagency agreement and to identify key milestones in 2023 and 2024 for the development of the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Committee and Capital Improvement Program.
- Supported the LinkUS partners in convening a meeting of the Executive partners to review the MTP timeline and utilizing the MTP process to identify the next corridors to advance in the planning process.
- Participated in a charette on the North Knot with the City of Columbus consultant team to determine viable options for solving the transportation puzzle near OSU with the Northwest Corridor BRT project.

Interregional Connections
- The Rail team worked alongside the City of Fort Wayne to submit a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Corridor ID Program application for the Midwest Connect passenger rail line between Chicago-Fort Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh.
- The Rail team assisted Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) with their FRA Corridor ID Program application for the Cincinnati-Dayton-Columbus-Cleveland (3C+D) passenger rail line.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):
- Submitted the draft FY24 Planning Work Program (PWP) to ODOT. The final PWP will be adopted by the CORPO Committee and submitted to ODOT in May.
- Submitted the draft FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ODOT. The final TIP will be adopted by the CORPO Committee and submitted to ODOT in May.
- County-level sub-committee meetings began in late March. These meetings are held twice a year to review the progress of work completed as part of the CORPO PWP.

Active Transportation Planning:

- The Active Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, March 14th. Most of the meeting was spent discussing the Ohio Revised Code, statutory speed limits, and related challenges for local agencies. The City of Columbus shared an update regarding the speed limit changes occurring downtown. ODOT also provided an update on active transportation related funding, technical assistance, and educational resources.

- MORPC hosted a virtual group viewing of the March APBP monthly webinar. The next webinar is on Wednesday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m. These webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov (jpetrov@morpc.org) if interested in attending any of the MORPC group viewings.

- Work continued with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) to provide active transportation planning assistance to Franklin Township and help the City of Reynoldsburg develop a Complete Streets Policy.

- MORPC participated in the ODOT Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting on March 29th. Statewide updates included progress on implementation of Walk.Bike.Ohio, initiatives and priorities from local partners, federal and state funding opportunities, and statewide non-motorized data collection planning.

Transportation Safety:

- MORPC continued work with local, regional, and state partners around key transportation safety initiatives:

    - Hosted an in-depth discussion with the MORPC Active Transportation Committee regarding the Ohio Revised Code, statutory speed limits, and related challenges for local agencies.

    - Participated in the kick-off meeting of the re-convened Speed Zoning Committee.

    - Participated in the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee meeting.

    - Provided important crash data and statistics for the 15-county region as part of official testimony to the state legislature for transportation budget discussions.

Technical Assistance Program:

- Work has continued with all five communities awarded technical assistance services. Initial meetings and conversations with key stakeholders have been scheduled or are already underway.

- MORPC and Grove City hosted a collaborative stakeholder workshop at the end of March that focused on potential alignments for the continued southern extension of the Scioto Trail.

Infrastructure Funding:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The Final Draft SFY 2024-2027 TIP was published on the MORPC website on March 10th for a public comment period lasting through April 10th. An open house was held on March 28th at MORPC to provide opportunity for additional public involvement.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

- New Attributable Funding Commitments were adopted in March. These commitments are being coordinated with ODOT.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- The Public Works Integrating Committee for District 3 (Franklin County) met in March to begin considering revisions to the district's methodology for the SFY 2025 funding round.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

- TRAC released the draft 2023-2026 Major New Construction Program on February 22nd. Six projects in the MORPC MPO region are proposed to receive a total of $100M in this latest round. In addition, two projects from the CORPO region are proposed to receive $11.3M in funding.

- The public comment period for the draft program ended on March 23rd. TRAC will vote on the final program at its March 29th meeting.

Federal Competitive Programs

- Held a "Drive Investment" luncheon for members and began holding "Money Mondays" webinars to share information about upcoming opportunities. These are 1:00 on Mondays. Contact Todd Bradley at tbradley@morpc.org for more information.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

- Completed an internal assessment of information still needed from CAP partners.

- Identified coordination needs among MORPC teams to update communication materials, including website and mapping.

Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):

- Currently coordinating with the U.S. EDA on grant programs and awaiting approval of EDD designation.

Brownfield Assessments:

- Working to provide asbestos and universal waste assessments to the City of Powell on a potential brownfield site. The site had a storage tank removed in 1992 and the city is looking to redevelop.

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Community Development

Central Ohio Greenways:

- The COG Board participated in a retreat on March 3rd. During the retreat, the Board reviewed the 2016 Strategic Plan and evaluated progress made over the last 7 years. The Board discussed how partnerships with other local, regional, and state organizations can be strengthened, how to advance strategic funding opportunities, and a vision for a Trail Town program in Central Ohio. The discussion will provide guidance to staff as they propose an update to the Strategic Plan. The Board will review the draft updates at their regular May 17th meeting.

- COG Trail Development and Partnership Working Groups met February 16th to discuss the Trail Count Data processing project and MORPC's Technical Assistance Program. The Working Group will meet again on April 20th.

- COG Marketing and Operations Working Groups met February 14th to discuss the April 22nd Celebrate Trail Day event and the Outdoor Trails Pass. The Working Groups will meet again on April 18th.

- 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 met on March 8th to continue discussion surrounding Water Trail designation and potential considerations for the Partnership Agreement drafts. Discussions so far have focused heavily on environmental considerations and questions surrounding the potential magnitude of the designation's increased usage. The next Advisory Panel meeting is scheduled for April 12th at 10:30 a.m.

insight2050:

LinkUS Mobility Initiative
- Together with the Programming Department, insight2050 staff is 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

- Together with BIA, MORPC hosted an event on March 23rd bringing together MORPC local government members and BIA members. The event highlighted the work of local housing builders and included a panel discussion on resilient development and facilitated conversations among participants.

- MORPC is leading the Advocacy & Partnerships Task Force of the newly formed Regional Housing Coalition which will meet in early April. 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

- For those 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 next meeting will be hosted by City of Westerville on April 19th at 2:30 p.m.

Sustainable2050:

- MORPC held a Sustainable2050 meeting on March 24th which included a presentation from SWACO's Executive Director, Joe Lombardi, and an introduction by MORPC of the Sustainability Toolkit for members, which is currently under development. The team is also encouraging coordination with members on federal funding opportunities for EV infrastructure and the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. 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

- Members of the Sustaining Scioto Board will have an opportunity to participate in a Field Day at the next Board meeting scheduled for April 26th. This event is organized by the Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team. The Field Day will focus on water quality practices in the watershed and members will be able to tour a site and learn more about water conservation practices.

- Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team: The Team met on March 16th with members finalizing Field Day plans scheduled for April 26th. The Team welcomed its newest member, Lauren Hirtle with the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association. Ms. Hirtle also provided an overview of policy work at OEFFA. The working team will meet again on May 18th.

Ohio EPA Water Resources Planning Work

- The MORPC team continues to verify and update where necessary facility planning area boundaries and water quality management plans in the ten-county area have been developed. Data collected will inform the development of an interactive map.

Energy & Air Quality:

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

- The Energy and Air Quality Working Group will hold its next meeting, virtually, on March 28th. Members will hear from the Ohio EPA on PM2.5 proposed revisions, as well as updates on air quality programming, energy programming, and grant opportunities.

- The Subcommittee on Power Siting Issues held its third meeting on March 3rd. The group reviewed the first draft of the resource hub and engagement strategy on MORPC's approach to educate, engage, and empower communities on SB 52 and all aspects regarding utility-scale solar development. The Subcommittee heard from representatives at the Ohio Power Siting Board, discussed the general site selection process for utility-scale solar projects, took an in-depth look at SB 52, and held a Q&A from subcommittee members. The next meeting will be held mid to late April focusing on the PILOT provisions granted to utility-scale solar projects in Ohio.

Energy Planning

- The City of Columbus just earned SolSmart Gold designation. In doing so, Columbus is spurring solar market growth by increasing transparency and access; making going solar easier in their community. Congratulations to Mayor Ginther and the Sustainable Columbus team.

- The second round of the Columbus Area Residential Solar Co-op will kick off Wednesday, April 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at IMPACT Community Action (IMPACT CA). The co-op is a collaborative effort among the City of Columbus, Solar United Neighbors (SUN), MORPC, and IMPACT CA. This event will celebrate the successes from last year's co-op, hear from SUN about the benefits of joining this solar co-op, and provide time for conversation between folks who are interested with homeowners who have gone solar.

- Residents for a Sustainable Central Ohio (RSCO) first quarter meeting was rescheduled to mid/late April. Each represented community will discuss the highlights of current sustainability programming and their priorities for 2023.

- 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. For more information on any energy program, please contact Brian Filiatraut, MORPC's Energy & Sustainability Program Coordinator, at bfiliatraut@morpc.org.

Air Quality

- There have been no Air Quality Alerts issued since June 2022.

- Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project

  - MORPC, Ohio EPA, and Franklin County Public Health continue to co-locate six new 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

  - MORPC has reviewed the recently released the 2022 World Air Quality Report by IQAir, which reports on the status of PM2.5 pollution around the world. The report is valuable for highlighting global pollution issues and the need for more data and action to reduce pollution levels and protect our most vulnerable communities. However, the report identifies Columbus, Ohio as the most polluted major city in the U.S. based on the report's 2022 pollution calculations, which is misleading. MORPC continues to seek clarification on the report's methodology and has identified areas for further consideration that could lead to the mischaracterization of Central Ohio's air quality. MORPC has prepared a statement sharing more information about why the information does not seem accurate. This statement will be made available online.

- National Air Quality Awareness Week

  - Air Quality Awareness Week is May 1st through the 5th, 2023. The theme for this year is "Working Together for Clean Air". MORPC works in coordination with other MPOs across the state to promote consistent messages and themes throughout AQ Awareness week. We localize the information while keeping in line with the national themes. Information will highlight resources that increase air quality awareness and encourages people to take action and incorporate air quality knowledge into their daily living.

  - The U.S. 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 ended on March 28th. MORPC engaged 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 Prince Kwarteng-Crooklyn at pkwarteng@morpc.org.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund:

- Final applications for Round 17 were due on March 10th. The Natural Assistance Resource Council (NRAC) members will meet on March 23rd to visually inspect prospective assistance sites. The Council will meet on April 5th for a scoring session. For more information, please contact Edwina Teye at eteye@morpc.org.

Data, Mapping & Modeling

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC):

- The Regional Data Advisory Committee met on March 7th to welcome new members: Liz Curtis (ESCCO), Kier Scott (WDBCO), and Kristy Wedel (Abbott). The Committee had a

very full agenda, with a presentation from the Governor's office regarding new cyber security initiatives and an update on the success of MORPC's Data Day event held on March 1st. Members also discussed the updated draft of the 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda and began the next steps to collect specific recommendations for future working group objectives. The Committee will meet again on May 9th.

- Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group

  - The Group met on February 21st and March 2nd to further refine the 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 objectives for the RDAC working groups to pursue. Recommendations for objectives will be collected through March 24th, with finalized versions being considered during a special RDAC meeting to be held May 9th.

- 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 took place on March 1st, at the Ohio University / Dublin Integrated Education Center in Dublin. The event was sold out, in-person, with over 200 diverse professionals from around the region taking part either in-person or online. Exit survey results indicate most of the day's sessions were very highly rated by attendees with an average rating of 4.25 out of 5 stars. Planning for a future Data Day has already begun.

  - The Working Group will meet again on April 26th.

- Local Government Resources Working Group

  - The Data Policy Resource Library tool was introduced as a beta version at Data Day. Survey feedback suggested that the library was easy to navigate, but would benefit from greatly expanded content, and a dedicated webpage may be warranted. Next steps include determining the best path forward to scale and support the library as a Regional Data Objective. The Working Group will meet again on March 28th.

- Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Steering Committee

  - A RIDG Steering Committee meeting was held on March 16th. The new Steering Committee Chair, Rob Moore of Scioto Analysis, welcomed members, followed by a discussion of the first General Meeting and to spur ideas for subsequent meetings. The Committee will meet again on May 16th.

- Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG)

  - The quarterly RIDG was held on March 22nd. Members were introduced to the new Steering Committee Chair, Rob Moore. MORPC staff updated members on RDAC changes, including the current status of the Regional Data Agenda. Staff also presented the new Data Policy Resource Library and asked for feedback. The topics for presentation were Ohio's New Poverty Metric presented by Rob Moore, and an

introduction to Web-Hooks by Langdon Sanders, City of Dublin. The next meeting is scheduled for June 28th.

- Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG)

  - The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) held a hybrid meeting on February 22nd, with 60 attendees. We reviewed the survey results regarding format and content of the meetings. The format will remain the same with presentations focusing on local projects. The Group will meet again on May 17th.

Data Management:

- Continued to explore ways to standardize data tools and workflows, and to improve data and workflow version control and documentation. The Data Team developed an automated process for georeferencing and publishing the locations of MORPC-managed air quality sensors. The Team is developing quality assurance processes to govern the collection and maintenance of air quality data for efforts related to the recently awarded EPA air quality monitoring grant, which is expected to kick off in May.

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

- The staff reviewed recent migration trends for the 15-county region and found that migration is responsible for about half of the region's growth in the past decade and is expected to be responsible for almost three-quarters of the region's growth through 2050. Over the past decade, about half of net migration has been international. In 2019, most migration was, to or from, other Ohio counties. Other top origins include Pennsylvania, Florida, and Texas; Florida is a top destination.

- Staff reviewed the population projections recently released by the Ohio Department of Development. These predict a 5.7% decline Ohio's population by 2050. Most Ohio counties are expected to decline, however modest growth is expected for some counties in the vicinity of major cities. Central Ohio is expected to see the strongest growth. Staff are working to compare the state projections to MORPC's projections released earlier this year and to understand any differences between the two sets of projections.

- Program, Data, and C&E team members collaborated with CHRR at OSU on an American Population Panel (APP) public opinion poll surrounding transportation needs and experiences which concluded on March 17th. Survey results are being analyzed for presentation at MORPC's State of the Region event on March 31st. As part of this burgeoning partnership, MORPC is successfully expanding the APP participants to include more racially, geographically, and socio-economically diverse

individuals, with 37% of new survey respondents making the decision to join the APP.

Mapping Activities

- Cultivate GeoSpatial has started the Active Transportation Network project and are in the data discovery phase.

- Staff mapped TIP projects and submitted maps for the draft TIP.

- Inventory and cleanup of data shared on our MOOD site is underway.

Modeling Activities

- Staff created and submitted information for Draft TIP, and work continues on North Knot and LinkUS projects.

- Modeler Diego Galdino recently presented to Ohio Model User Group, "Python-based Tool for Automatic Transit Coding using GTFS for Travel Demand Models."

- 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:

- Air Quality Alerts Available as Ozone Monitoring Season Begins March 1 (3/1/2023)
- MORPC Launches "Leaders Listen" Survey Series with CHRR at The Ohio State University, The Columbus Dispatch (3/9/2023)

MORPC in the News:

- The future of downtown: COTA, others look to solve the transit puzzle (2/17/2023)
- Saving lives by delivering safe streets for all (2/17/2023)
- Village of Richwood To Receive MORPC Funding as Part of the "Safer Streets for All" Program (2/21/2023)
- Plan to close Clintonville Gap in Olentangy Trail moving forward (2/27/2023)
- MORPC to host open house to review transportation improvement programs (3/2/2023)
- MORPC initiates ozone monitoring season (3/2/2023)
- Columbus home construction rises to 18-year high, but falls short of need (3/2/2023)
- Central Ohio housing starts reach highest level since 2005 but still fall short of demand, BIA reports (3/3/2023)
- Two large projects planned near Obtez (3/7/2023)
- Ohio growth contributing to eco tourism boon in Hocking County (3/8/2023)
- Plans for bringing passenger rail back to Ohio (3/9/2023)
- Ohio is 'textbook case' for passenger rail expansion, Amtrak official says (3/17/2023)
- Is Columbus the most polluted major U.S. city? This report says so. (3/22/2023)
- Senators Eye Budget For Distracted Driving Tweaks (3/21/2023)

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, Weatherization, RFPs/RFQs, Sustainability, State of the Region, Data Day, Impaired Driving, APP Panel Members, CHRR Leaders Listen: Transportation Survey, Beginning of Ozone Season, Women's History Month, International Women's Day, Women's Equal Pay Day, World Engineering Day, World Water Day, TIP Public Comment Period, Affordable Housing Resource Fair, TIP Open House, MTP, State of the Region Awards, eSource, Prepare to Prosper Registration, Laying Track for Amtrak's Expansion, and MORPC In The News

Reach:

- Facebook & Instagram

Top Posts:

- Instagram
- Facebook
- Twitter

Diversity & Inclusion:

- Met with Hilliard City Schools' superintendent to share information about MORPC's diversity efforts and participated in an HBCU Panel to engage with minority students interested in attending an Historically Black College or University.

- Participated in the Central Ohio Diversity Consortium Quarter one meeting, held on March 21st. The topic was *Authenticity: How to Show Up Fully and Respectfully at Work.*

- National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) DE&I working group meeting was facilitated by MORPC's Senior Director of Communications and Engagement, Níel Jurist, on March 22nd. Guest speaker was John Hammond, Vice President of Impact and former Equity Director for the Atlanta Regional Commission.

- Attended the OhioMBE Procurement fair held on March 29th. The fairs allow small business owners the opportunity to meet one-on-one with organizations interested in supplier diversity.

Public Involvement & Engagement:

- MORPC promoted the following requests for public input through social media and on our website:
  - Affordable Housing Resource Fair- 3/8, 3/11,
  - American Population Panel (APP)- 3/10
  - CHRR & MORPC Leaders Listen: Transportation Survey- 3/6, 3/9, 3/12, 3/14, 3/17,
  - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Open House & Public Comment- 3/2, 3/10, 3/13, 3/22
- Attended the Active Linden Campaign meeting on March 1.

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 of the program.

Events:

- MORPC's State of the Region was held on March 31, 2023, at the (new) Hilton Columbus Downtown. Visit www.morpc.org/sotr for a recap of the event, to read the

SOTR Business First Supplement, and view the Leaders Listen Survey Results. Mark your calendar for the 2023 State of the Region, March 15, 2023, at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

- 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:

- External Membership visits are continuing with the Executive Director and Membership Services Officer. Thirty visits will be completed by 4/30.

- The Local Government Summer Internship Program is preparing to place 50 interns at local governments throughout the region.

Forums Completed:

- Northwest Area Region Breakfast 1/31

- MODE Central Ohio Supply Chain Economic Outlook & Impact on Infrastructure 2/21

- Government Essentials Program with the Ohio University Voinovich School of Public Leadership and Service 2/24

- Northeast Area Region Breakfast 3/21

- Money Mondays 3/20

Upcoming Events:

- Distracted Driving Awareness Luncheon and Virtual Reality Demo – Thursday, April 13th, 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. at MORPC. Join us for a luncheon and discussion with ODOT's Michelle May about distracted driving, the new law, and how local governments can help. A distracted driving virtual reality simulator will also be available for participants to try. RSVP is required, but admission is free. To register, click here.

- Rural Mobility Forum - Wednesday, April 26th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (includes lunch) at the Fairfield County Workforce Center. MORPC hosts an annual series of forums for our rural members to advance community planning practices. This forum will focus on opportunities and challenges to provide mobility services for communities located outside of Franklin County in the Central Ohio area. Our speakers will feature highlights of existing mobility plans, current public and private services, and model partnerships. To register, click here.

Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
                 Transportation Advisory Committee
                 Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director

DATE: March 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Draft SFY 2024 PWP Summary

Annually, MORPC prepares a Planning Work Program (PWP) that outlines the work of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming year. The PWP constitutes MORPC's annual scope of work with ODOT using federal planning dollars. The draft PWP was submitted to ODOT on March 3rd and ODOT provided minor comments. This memo and the attachment provide a summary of the full PWP draft. The full draft document is available in the PWP section of our website, https://www.morpc.org/program-service/planning-work-program. Any comments can be directed to me at ngill@morpc.org. The final SFY 24 PWP will be adopted at the May meetings.

The total Fiscal Year 2024 budget of all work elements is $7,912,437 to be spent in SFY 2024 or later. The work elements of the PWP as shown in the summary attached are divided into four sections:

1) Formula-Funded Planning Program Projects (total budget of $4,194,279 for SFY 2024)

   This includes work elements related to the core federally required planning activities. These touch on all areas including Management & Operations, Transit and Human Services Planning, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Public Involvement, Regional Strategic Initiatives (insight2050, housing, trail planning, RAPID 5), as well as work related to data, mapping, and modeling.

2) Special Studies (total budget $2,393,158 for SFY 2024 or later)

   These are special studies completed with funding outside of the core planning funds. These include work elements related to the Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy, Growth and Major Economic Development Planning, Paving the Way, Technical Assistance Program,

Mobility Management, and 5310 designated recipients for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities programs.

3) <u>Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects (total budget is $1,325,000 for SFY 2024)</u>

This includes transportation services related to Ridesharing (Gohio Commute) and Air Quality Awareness activities.

4) <u>Projects Undertaken by Other Entities</u>

This area is provided in order to report on local and transit transportation planning activities throughout the region. No specific federal funding through MORPC is provided for these activities.

Attachment: SFY 2024 Draft PWP Summary

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SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2024 MORPC PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

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Notes on Listing

Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2024)   **$8,102,437**

$7,877,437   is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2024 or subsequent years.

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

Total Budget $4,194,279

WORK ELEMENT   PROJECT DESCRIPTION
BUDGET

60124-3000	**Management & Operations Planning**
$170,000	Managing and maintaining the extensive existing transportation system is a priority of transportation agencies. This work element coordinates on the benefits of a holistically managed transportation system. Helping members collaborate on M&O, advancing ITS including connected infrastructure and CV/AV, access management, estimating costs to maintain the condition of the transportation system including pavement management and deficient bridges, etc., and incorporating security and emergency response into the planning process. Monitoring freight rail activities and analyzing for developing trends; meeting one-on-one with communities that are impacted by freight; and providing timely information via the web. Monitoring goods movement-related legislation and other regional freight initiatives.

> *Products/Activities*
>
> Condition report of highway system and resources
>
> Access Management
>
> Maintain Regional ITS Architecture
>
> Participation and education on freight initiatives
>
> Transportation security assistance

60134-3000	**Safety Planning**
$110,000	Safety continues to be a significant focus for FHWA, ODOT, and the entire region. This activity works to gather crash data, conduct crash data analyses, reports on safety meetings, encourages local governments to apply for funding to implement safety countermeasures, conducts pre- and post-crash data analysis for safety projects to evaluate the benefits of each countermeasure, and implements the regional systematic safety improvements.

> *Products/Activities*
>
> Regional crash data analysis
>
> Regional Safety Education
>
> Member assistance
>
> Participation in local and state safety committees
>
> Project Evaluation
>
> Special projects and studies

60154-3000	**Transit and Human Services Planning**
$125,000	Coordination, assistance, and oversight to improve transit service and workforce mobility. Work includes integration of all aspects of transit and mobility to ensure that an adequate level of access is afforded to all populations while improving the range of options for meeting diverse mobility needs.

> *Products/Activities*
>
> Maintain the urbanized area's Coordinated Plan for Franklin and Delaware Counties
>
> Public transit provider coordination
>
> Transit Service planning assistance
>
> Monitor agreements and funding in the region
>
> Workforce Mobility Assistance

 * Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2023
  ^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

60204-3000

$375,000

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

The TIP is one of the two required items to allow for the flow of federal and state transportation funds into the region. This activity includes the development, update, and revisions of the TIP, monitoring of federally funded projects, coordination of federally funded infrastructure projects with projects funded from other sources, allocation of STBG, CMAQ, TAP and CRP funding, the TRAC process, environmental studies and engineering source document review including complete street implementation, innovative financing, and financing education. Specific activities for the year are listed below.

Products/Activities

Maintain the SFY 2024-2027 TIP

Prioritized list of regional projects for TRAC

Collaboration on innovative project delivery and financing options for projects

Reports on the status of federally funded projects & annual obligation report

Update the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding

Complete Streets Policy and Implementation

60514-2000

$510,000

Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data

This element pertains to MORPC's role as a leader in coordinating data providers throughout the region, as well as managing its own internal data and GIS systems. It includes using technology for collecting, maintaining, and sharing data sets that support transportation programs. It includes keeping data sets current and organized and managing and monitoring the GIS system. In addition, it includes advancing collaboration among local data providers to reduce redundancies and improve efficiencies associated with information management.

Products/Activities

Increase efficiencies of internal data systems

Update and maintain data sets to support transportation planning efforts

Promote data sharing among data providers to reduce redundancy

Coordinate with U.S. Census

Collection and maintenance of mobility data sets

60524-2000

$500,000

Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs

Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and data analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools developed through work element 60514-2000 to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. In addition, function as a regional resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs. This work element includes aspects of research associated with fulfilling those requests.

Products/Activities

Provide GIS and technical assistance to transportation programs

Prepare annual estimates of population and employment at the county and sub-county levels

Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making

Update the Transportation Plan Report Card

Respond to and document requests

60554-3000

$460,000

Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications

Building upon transportation data, this activity maintains, updates, and refines the regional transportation models and continues to refine and implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP) procedures in the 3C planning process. This includes monitoring congestion, Environmental Justice (social equity) analysis, TIP and Transportation Plan air quality conformity, SIP revisions, and CMAQ justifications. Participation in other regional congestion management and air quality initiatives.

Products/Activities

Up-to-date travel demand model

Up-to-date data sets for SIP development and air quality conformity

Up-to-date CMP and EJ analysis procedures, data and documents

Determination of the emissions changes from proposed CMAQ projects

Up-to-date Land Use Model processes

Modeling assistance to ODOT staff in the certified design traffic development

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61014-3000

$480,000

Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the major requirement of the MPO, including coordinating all Transportation Plan-related activities. This includes any follow-up to the completed 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and completion of the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to be adopted in 2024. This activity is also to coordinate with state and local agencies on transportation studies and plans. Specific activities this year are listed below.

Products/Activities

2020-2050 MTP Follow-up

Goals and Objectives for the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Identification and Evaluation of Candidate Projects

Draft strategies and projects, draft MTP and Adopted MTP

Complete long-range system studies

Coordination with ODOT planning activities

Intercity transportation service planning

Functional Class, National Highway System, and Thoroughfare Planning

61024-0400

$135,000

Transportation Public Involvement

Public involvement and outreach are vital components of the transportation planning process. These activities maintain the public involvement process for transportation consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), federal regulations, and local needs. Efforts continue to seek the involvement of low-income and minority populations, handicapped, and elderly in the transportation planning process, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Active Transportation Plan, FTA's Section 5310, FTA's Section 5307, and other transportation-related studies. The Public Participation Plan supports the activities of the Community Advisory Committee and provides updates on transportation planning activities through in-person and virtual presentations, the web, electronic newsletters, social media, and other public involvement and outreach activities.

Products/Activities

Transportation Public Involvement Process

Public Involvement Activities for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Public Involvement Activities for the Transportation Improvement Program

Public Involvement Activities for the Active Transportation Plan

Public Involvement for Miscellaneous Transportation Activities

61034-1000

$425,000

Regional Strategic Initiatives

Transportation is interrelated with land use, housing, air quality, energy, environmental sustainability, and quality of life. This work element is to ensure MORPC is leading the region in studying, identifying, and communicating best practices, as well as developing plans, tools, and programming to address these issues and advance regional goals in these areas. This work element includes connecting people to green space and our natural resources. Specific activities this year are listed below.

Products/Activities

insight2050 Resource Updates and Outreach

Planning for Housing

Regional Trail Planning

Central Ohio Greenways Vision Planning and Implementation

River Corridor Development Planning

62514-1000

$210,000

Planning Coordination and Support

Coordination of transportation planning efforts among different jurisdictions is a critical element to ensuring regional consistency in the transportation network. This activity includes informational sharing meetings among MORPC and others, regional collaboration meetings, and educational transportation workshops and forums. MORPC staff also provides support to individual communities with integrating regional initiatives into local land use and transportation plans and provides education around advancing active transportation.

Products/Activities

Informational Meetings

Regional Collaboration Group Meetings

Member Education

Cross-jurisdictional Planning Assistance

Active Transportation Education and Outreach

*** Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2023**

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

62524-1000   **Member Assistance and Support**

$550,000

This work element will provide member support around how to plan and manage future growth in Central Ohio. As Central Ohio is expected to become a region of 3.15 million people by 2050, MORPC is well positioned to identify innovative ways on assisting its local government members with best practices, tools, and services to make bold changes to their comprehensive plans, zoning codes, and development standards in order to create neighborhoods that provide more housing and transportation options for residents. This element builds off of work element 62514-1000 which is to educate members on planning topics and for MORPC to continuously be aware of efforts being taken at the local level to inform the type of staff assistance needed by our members.

Products/Activities

Member Planning Services

Data for decision making

Story Telling

69714-3000   **Program Administration**

$144,279

This work element is to facilitate the efficient administration of the transportation planning program. This work element provides for technical and policy direction of activities to fulfill ODOT, U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, FHWA, FTA and jointly funded work as described in the Planning Work Program, where such activities are not directly attributable to specific work elements. The specific items are listed below.

Products/Activities

CAC, TAC, TPC agendas and meeting summaries

Annual Planning Work Program and Completion Report

Title VI & DBE Process

Maintain certification and planning agreements

Monitor federal and state planning requirements

*** Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2023**

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

II. Special Studies

Total Budget $2,583,158

$225,000 spent prior to SFY 2024   Balance for SFY 2024 or later is $2,358,158

WORK ELEMENT   PROJECT DESCRIPTION
BUDGET

66514-1000

$290,000

* $250,000   remaining

Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy

This work element will assist communities to plan for and implement a cohesive wayfinding strategy that unifies regional trail networks and celebrates the uniqueness of diverse communities. The wayfinding strategy will include guidance for selecting directional content such as destinations and landmarks, as well as appropriate placement of wayfinding tools, such as signs, maps, and digital applications. A replicable process for collecting data and inventorying assets along trails, including trail use data, will inform the wayfinding strategy.

Products/Activities

A cohesive wayfinding strategy that unifies regional trail networks

66534-3000

$1,000,000   ^

* $850,000   remaining
100%
ODOT

Growth and Major Economic Development Planning

This work element focuses on conducting regional coordination of long-range transportation planning which includes consideration of access, infrastructure, land use, and housing. The outcomes are intended to address very near-term needs, long-term investment planning, and comprehensively align various local and regional efforts the Central Ohio Region for the Intel investment and subsequent growth.

Products/Activities

Agency Coordination Plan

Enhanced data and travel demand model coverage

Updated local planning documents

Funding Opportunities

List of Improvement Concepts

66544-0400

$50,000

100% MORPC STBG using toll credit

Paving The Way

The purpose of this work element is to provide transportation project construction and other road closure information to the public. Paving the Way acts as a liaison between the government agencies implementing projects and the public. It is unique in that it can provide information on all projects affecting traffic, regardless of which agency (state, local, or utility) is responsible. Paving the Way addresses construction management and communication on a regional rather than a project basis. The program regularly provides information and education to the public on roadway construction, traffic management, and work zone safety and alternative transportation options with the goal of ensuring that drivers experience the least possible inconvenience while traveling in and around Central Ohio.

Products/Activities

Communications and Outreach

66564-3000

$400,000

100% MORPC STBG using toll credit

Supplemental Planning

This work element supplements the formula-funded program and includes research and planning efforts that are required to fulfill MPO planning and project implementation responsibilities. The activity includes elements that supplement project delivery, data collection and data management, Interregional Connections, long-range studies, and sustainability. Specific activities this year are listed below.

Products/Activities

Regular reports to members and MORPC committees on project delivery

Traffic counts for approximately 200 locations, including bike and pedestrian counts as identified in active transportation count plan

Implement projects to address the goals, objectives, and action items detailed in the Regional Data Agenda

Provide special services and conduct special transportation studies

Support for the Interregional Connections activities

Resiliency Planning

Coordination with other regional activities, such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda to further the 2020-2050 MTP goals

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66574-1000

$275,000

100% MORPC STBG
using toll credit

Technical Assistance Program

The purpose of this work element is to provide technical planning assistance to support individual communities with effective integration of key strategies identified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) into local planning and programming. Services will be provided for specific planning activities related to active transportation, trail planning, transportation safety, and transit- supportive land use planning.

Products/Activities

Planning Assistance

67413-3000

$169,079
* $149,079 remaining

100% FTA 5310
Administration 10% of
Apportionment

5310 Designated Recipient-2023

This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients.

Products/Activities

A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions

Comply with other FTA requirements

Program of Projects

Update and Maintain the Coordinated Plan

67414-3000

$169,079 ^

100% FTA 5310
Administration 10% of
Apportionment

5310 Designated Recipient-2024

This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for each federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients.

Products/Activities

A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions

Comply with other FTA requirements

Program of Projects

Update and Maintain the Coordinated Plan

67423-3000

$130,000
* $115,000 remaining

80% FTA 5310, 20%
local

Mobility Management 2023

This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services, and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area.

Products/Activities

Engagement

Increase capacity

Information coordination

State and local coordination

Awareness and accessibility

67424-3000

$150,000 ^

80% FTA 5310, 20%
local

Mobility Management 2024

This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services, and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Regional Mobility Plan (Coordinated Plan) for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area.

Products/Activities

Engagement

Increase capacity

Information coordination

State and local coordination

Awareness and accessibility

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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

Total Budget $1,325,000

WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION
BUDGET

66714-3000 $750,000 100% MORPC CMAQ	**Transportation Services (Ridesharing)** Promote Travel Demand Reduction (TDM) in Central Ohio; and market programs and service in a 15-county area. Program services include carpool matching, vanpool formation, transit, bike and pedestrian support and strategies for employers and the general public. MORPC administers an emergency ride home program, vanpool program, and a statewide rideshare matching vendor contract in coordination with OARC rideshare agencies.

Products/Activities

Promote a culture of sustainable and smart multimodal travel throughout Central Ohio, providing public education and ride matching services

Raise public awareness about mobility options in the region. Increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance to improve air quality

National Transit Database reporting

Program evaluation, strategic plan and telework policy

Promote TDM services to reduce SOV travel and associated air pollution in communities near high-volume corridors as well as in diverse and underserved populations

66734-1000 $575,000 100% MORPC CMAQ	**Air Quality Awareness** This work element ensures that MORPC continues air pollution forecasting and educating its members and the public on the importance of air quality, its health and environmental impacts, and how to reduce air pollution. Furthermore, MORPC provides technical and planning assistance to the region on strategies to reduce fuel use and reduce emissions and energy use.

Products/Activities

Air Quality Alerts and Coordination

Air Quality Research

Education and Outreach

Conduct special studies and projects to reduce GHG emissions

Planning and policy assistance

* Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2023
^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget $0

WORK ELEMENT   PROJECT DESCRIPTION
BUDGET

66505-3000

$0

No funding

Ongoing Local Planning

Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. This work element does not have a budget.

Products/Activities

Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes

67401-3000

$0

No funding

Ongoing COTA Activities

This work element is for coordination with COTA to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in the COTA service area, mainly in Franklin County and in portions of adjacent counties. This work element does not have a budget.

Products/Activities

COTA's planning process

Continued refinement of COTA's Long-Range Plan and other planning activities

Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP)

Service change planning

COTA safety and asset management plans

67402-3000

$0

No funding

Ongoing DCT Activities

This work element is for coordination with DCT to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in Delaware County. This work element does not have a budget.

Products/Activities

DCT's planning process and requirements needed to receive federal urban area and state funds

Implement recommendations from DCT's Interim SRTP

DCT safety and asset management plans

* Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2023

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024