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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, April 13, 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), MORPC Secretary
 - **Election of Officers and Executive Committee** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
 - 3. Executive Director's Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

Chris Amorose Groomes
Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary

4. **Proposed Resolution 03-23: “Accepting the City of Newark as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
5. **Proposed Resolution 04-23: “Accepting the Village of South Bloomfield as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Committees

6. **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Mark Forrest (Madison County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair
7. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
 - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
8. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
9. **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**
 - **Programing** – Nick Gill, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director
 - c. **2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Nick Gill, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director
 - d. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of **March 9, 2023 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
10. **Commission Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of **March 9, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes**

- b. **Proposed Resolution 02-23:** “Authorizing the executive director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with a consultant to be selected for \$250,000 to advance Sustainable 2050 principles around electric vehicles and energy efficiency for the Central Ohio Region”
- c. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

2:45 p.m. **11. Other Business**

PLEASE NOTIFY SHARI SAUNDERS AT 614-233-4169 OR ssaunders@morpc.org TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING OR IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.

The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
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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

March 2023

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Advocacy

On March 7, William Murdock provided testimony to the Ohio Senate on House Bill 23 (Transportation Budget). Team Members worked with Mayor Scheffler and Mayor Starr on testimony advocating for elevated funds for RTPOs. MORPC submitted testimony for state transportation and operating budget legislation.

On March 14, MORPC hosted a luncheon for the Columbus Region Coalition with Congressman Brand Wenstrup. Team Members participated in the March 23 interested parties meeting on House Bill 64 (eminent domain) and the March 29 Trails Advocacy Day at the Ohio Statehouse in partnership with Ohio Trails Alliance.

Mobility Management

The Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee met and added two strategies to Franklin County's portion of the Regional Mobility Plan. The committee also discussed the Section 5310 program. Team Members attended the Senior Service Roundtable, CACDI and the Mobility Management Roundtable.

Gohio Commute

Staff met with several Job & Family Service organizations to discuss Gohio Commute TDM programs. MORPC partnered with CoGo, COTA, Special Improvement District, and Spin Scooters on a transportation fair to educate commuters on sustainable transportation options. Team Members participated in the Employer Workforce Resource Expo sponsored by Columbus State.

Active Transportation

The Active Transportation Committee met March 14. Discussion topics included the Ohio Revised Code, statutory speed limits and related challenges for local agencies; speed limit changes for downtown Columbus; and ODOT active transportation related funding, technical assistance, and educational resources.

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) if interested in attending any of the viewings. The next webinar is April 19.

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

Team Members met with Union County Moves Coalition to coordinate active transportation and mobility planning in Union County.

Staff met with OSU graduate studio to coordinate development of the Fairfield County Active Transportation Plan which will be complete by the graduate studio.

Transportation Safety

Team Members continue to work with local, regional, and state partners around key transportation safety initiatives such as the re-convened Speed Zoning Committee and the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee.

Technical Assistance Program

Work continues with the five communities awarded technical assistance services for 2023. MORPC and the City of Grove City hosted a collaborative stakeholder workshop at the end of March focusing on potential alignments for the continued southern extension of the Scioto Trail.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

The Central Ohio Greenways Board participated in a retreat on March 3. During the retreat, the Board:

- Reviewed the 2016 Strategic Plan and evaluated progress made over the last 7 years.
- Discussed how partnerships with other local, regional, and state organizations can be strengthened.
- Discussed how to advance strategic funding opportunities.
- Discussed a vision for a Trail Town program in Central Ohio.

The discussion provided guidance to staff as they propose an update to the Strategic Plan. The Board will review the draft updates at the May 17 meeting.

Central Ohio Blueways

The Central Ohio Blueways Advisory Panel met on March 8 to continue discussion surrounding Water Trail designation and potential considerations for the Partnership Agreement drafts. Discussions focused on environmental considerations and questions surrounding the potential magnitude of the designation's increased usage. The next Advisory Panel meeting is April 12.

RAPID 5

MORPC is engaging with RAPID 5 on its Central Ohio Greenways and Blueways programming. Team Members are providing transitional support to RAPID 5, which includes assisting with processing speaker requests and presentation needs. Staff is also assisting with developing a resource library of data, resources, insights, and information about pertinent topics, including land use, multimodal transportation systems, sustainability, economic development, etc. More information is available at rapid5.org.

Regional Housing Strategy

Together with BIA, MORPC hosted an event on March 23 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. 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.

Sustainable2050

Sustainable2050 met March 24. Agenda items included a presentation from SWACO Executive Director Joe Lombardi and the draft Sustainability Toolkit. MORPC is 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. Contact Brandi Whetstone at bwhetstone@morpc.org for more information.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The next Sustaining Scioto Board meeting is a Field Day on April 26. The event, organized by the Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team, focuses on water quality practices in the watershed. Members will tour a site and learn more about water conservation practices.

- The Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team met March 16 to finalize the April 26 Field Day plans. The Team welcomed its newest member, Lauren Hirtle with the Ohio Ecological Food

and Farm Association. Ms. Hirtle provided an overview of policy work at OEFFA. The next meeting is May 18.

Energy & Air Quality

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met March 28 and heard from the Ohio EPA on PM2.5 proposed revisions. The group also heard updates on the air quality program, energy program, and grant opportunities.

The Subcommittee on Power Siting Issues met March 3. 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. They also heard from representatives from the Ohio Power Siting Board, discussed the general site selection process for utility-scale solar projects, and took an in-depth look at SB 52.

MORPC reviewed the recently released 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 prepared a statement sharing more information about why the information does not seem accurate. This statement will be available online.

Air Quality Awareness Week is May 1-5. This year's theme is "Working Together for Clean Air." MORPC works with other state MPOs to promote consistent messages and themes throughout the week. Information will increase air quality awareness and encourage people to incorporate that into their daily living.

The comment period for the U.S. EPA proposed particulate matter standard revision ended March 28. MORPC's Sustainability Advisory Committee, working group leadership, members and others reviewed the proposed standard and provided comments. Contact MORPC's Air Quality and Sustainability Coordinator Prince Kwarteng-Crooklynn at pkwarteng@morpc.org to learn more.

Energy Planning

Congratulations to the City of Columbus for earning SolSmart Gold designation.

The second round of the Columbus Area Residential Solar Co-op kicks off Wednesday, April 19, 5:30-7:30 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.

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 March 2 to refine 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 TDAC working groups to pursue.
- The Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group hosted Data Day on March 1 at the Ohio University/Dublin Integrated Education Center. Over 200 diverse professionals from around the region took part in the sold-out event either in-person or online. Exit survey results indicate most of the day's sessions were very highly rated by attendees. Planning for the next Data Day has begun. A discussion about the data resource local partners was finalized as a panel during Data Day. The next working group meeting is April 26.
- The Local Government Resources Working Group introduced a beta version of the Data Policy Resource Library tool at Data Day. Next steps include determining the best path forward to scale and support the library as a Regional Data Objective.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Steering Committee met March 16. New Steering Committee Chair, Rob Moore of Scioto Analysis, welcomed members, followed by a discussion of the first general meeting and ideas for subsequent meetings. The next steering committee meeting is May 16.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) met March 22. Meeting materials are available [here](#).

Data Management

Team Members developed an automated process for georeferencing and publishing the locations of MORPC-managed air quality sensors. Staff 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.

Data & Research Activities

Team Member 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. Team Members are comparing the state projections to MORPC's projections released earlier this year and to understand any differences between the two sets of projections.

MORPC collaborated with CHRR at OSU on an American Population Panel (APP) public opinion poll surrounding transportation needs and experiences. Survey results were presented at MORPC's State of the Region event. 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.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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

Team Members 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.

Staff participated in the Central Ohio Diversity Consortium meeting on March 21. The topic was *Authenticity: How to Show Up Fully and Respectfully at Work*.

MORPC facilitated the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) DE&I working group meeting on March 22. The guest speaker was John Hammond, Vice President of Impact and former Equity Director for the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Team Members attended the March 29 OhioMBE Procurement Fair. The fairs allow small business owners the opportunity to meet one-on-one with organizations interested in engaging with diverse suppliers to promote opportunities for contractors with the Residential Services Department.

MORPC hosted the Community Organizations DE&I Leaders Forum attended by representatives from organizations including the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Partnership, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Community Shelter Board, etc.

Team Members participated in the Active Linden meeting alongside the Department of Neighborhoods and other partners.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

Money Mondays

On March 21, MORPC held the Money Monday's event, which is a recurring event to keep members updated on key funding-related information and activities.

Support Letters

Team Members garnered letters of support for the 3C+D and Midwest Connect Passenger Rail Corridors for FRA's Corridor Identification Program.

MORPC provided letters of support and convened Columbus Region Coalition meetings to endorse 15 community projects for member directed spending.

Interregional Connections

Team Members worked with 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. Team Members assisted the Ohio Rail Development Commission with their FRA Corridor ID Program application for the Cincinnati-Dayton-Columbus-Cleveland (3C+D) passenger rail line.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MORPC published the Final Draft SFY 2024-2027 TIP on our website March 10 for a public comment period lasting through April 10. MORPC held an open house March 28 for additional public involvement.

Federal Competitive Programs

"Money Mondays" are weekly webinars to share information about upcoming opportunities. They are most Mondays at 1 p.m. Contact Todd Bradley at tbradley@morpc.org for more information.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Team Members made the following progress on the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- Sharing shared county-level 2050 population forecasts
- Distributing population forecasts with smaller geographies
- Reviewing local plans
- Collecting candidate projects
- Developing evaluation criteria

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

Staff began incorporating the 2022 awards into the federal grants system (TrAMs).

US 23 Connect Study

Team Members worked with ODOT and their consultants to review stakeholder feedback and incorporate it into the study process. The next public involvement phase is this summer.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

MORPC worked with COTA on an interagency agreement and to identify key milestones in 2023 and 2024 for developing the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Committee and Capital Improvement Program. LinkUS partners met to review the MTP timeline and identify the next corridors to advance utilizing the MTP process. Team Members participated in the North Knot charette with the City of Columbus Consultant Team to determine viable options for solving transportation issues near OSU with the Northwest Corridor BRT project.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

CORPO submitted the draft FY 24 Planning Work Program (PWP) and draft FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ODOT. The CORPO Committee will adopt the final PWP and TIP and submit them to ODOT in May. County-level subcommittee meetings continue. The meetings are held twice a year to review progress of work completed as part of the CORPO PWP.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

The new Attributable Funding Commitments adopted in March are being coordinated with ODOT.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

The Public Works Integrating Committee for District 3 (Franklin County) met in March to consider 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 22. Six projects in the MORPC MPO region are proposed to receive a total of \$100 million in this latest round. In addition, two projects from the CORPO region are proposed to receive \$11.3 million in funding. The public comment period for the draft program ended on March 23. TRAC voted on the final program on March 29.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

Team Members completed an internal assessment of information still needed from CAP partners and identified coordination needs among MORPC teams to update communication materials, including website and mapping.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

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

Brownfield Assessments

Team Members are providing asbestos and universal waste assessments to the City of Powell on a potential brownfield site. The City is looking to redevelop the site that had a storage tank removed in 1992.

Energy Planning

Federal funding opportunities are a priority as Team Members coordinate across departments and with regional partners on identifying opportunities for clean energy, EV charging, and sustainability. For more information contact MORPC's Energy & Sustainability Program Coordinator Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

Final applications for Round 17 were due March 10. The Natural Assistance Resource Council (NRAC) members met March 23 to inspect prospective assistance sites. NRAC meets April 5 for a scoring session. Contact Edwina Teye at eteve@morpc.org for more information.

PAY IT FORWARD

Membership Services

External membership visits continue. Thirty visits will be completed by April 30.

Local Government Summer Intern Program

Team Members continue screening for summer interns: 25 acceptances; 29 prospective interns advanced to hosts for final interview; will complete 54 requests.

Events

MORPC hosted/held the following events:

- MORPC's State of the Region was March 31 at the (new) Hilton Columbus Downtown. The event attracted nearly 1,000 national, regional, and local leaders. Visit www.morpc.org/sotr for a recap of the event, to read the Business First Supplement, and view the Leaders Listen Survey Results.
- Drive Investment Luncheon – March 2, MORPC. Staff updated members on how MORPC is responding to various funding opportunities.
- Northeast Regional Area Update Breakfast – March 22, City of Johnstown

Upcoming Events

- Distracted Driving Awareness Luncheon and Virtual Reality Demo – Thursday, April 13, 12-1:15 p.m., 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 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Fairfield County Workforce Center (includes lunch). MORPC hosts an annual series of forums for our rural members to advance community planning practices. This forum focuses on opportunities and challenges to provide mobility services for communities located outside 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](#).

- Save the Date for the Social Media Summit, August 1 at MORPC.
- Save the Date for MORPC's Summit on Sustainability, October 26 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.
- Save the Date for the 2024 State of the Region, March 15, 2024, at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

Member Briefings, Events and Visits:

- Attended eight member events.
- Nine member visits.

Public Involvement & Engagement

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

- Affordable Housing Resource Fair
- American Population Panel (APP)
- CHRR & MORPC Leaders Listen: Transportation Survey
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Open House & Public Comment

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

HBCU Connect

MORPC launched the HBCU Connect Partnership and Career Portal benefit for members at the March Commission meeting.

MORPC in the News

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

Residential Services

ODOD approached MORPC with a request to increase our Franklin County territory, funding, and production goals for at least the next program year. This would include the upcoming BIL program, as well as HWAP. Senior management and Residential Services are working through the details to assess the viability of accepting the offer.

In an effort to draw more IMS applications, which have been slow recently, Residential Services continues to send postcards to residents in targeted zip codes. QR codes were installed on all company vehicles to encourage people in the community to look into the program.

WarmChoice

Production is steady and on track to meet the program goal target. In April, the WarmChoice program will be monitored for three days.

HWAP

The HWAP program went through three days of technical monitoring, which did affect production levels. The monitor was very pleased with our performance and stated there were no findings or any recommendation actions. The monitoring process requires final inspectors to be present and only reviews previously completed jobs. This replaces our normal completions of other jobs, pushing some closings into April that would have normally been March closings. Regardless, the program is still on target to meet program goals.

Personnel Updates

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

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Associate Planner or Engineer
- Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
- Grants Intern
- Senior Planner

The requirements for the posted positions are available for review on the website at

<http://www.morpc.org/careers/>.



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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock, Executive Director

DATE: March 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 03-23: **“Accepting the City of Newark as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On March 20, 2023, the City Council of the City of Newark passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts the City of Newark as a member of MORPC, which helps meet the desire of MORPC’s membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The net dues will be pro-rated as of the date of membership and assessed to the City of Newark in the amount to \$15,390.

Attachment: Resolution 03-23

RESOLUTION 03-23

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

WHEREAS, the City of Newark recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Newark has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Newark will be assed dues based on the 2022 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2023, the City Council of the City of Newark passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the City of Newark is accepted as a member of MORPC effective April 13, 2023
- Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that three (3) representatives appointed by the City of Newark are eligible to serve as a voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That net dues will be pro-rated as of the date of membership (April 13, 2023) and assessed to the City of Newark for 2023 in the amount of \$15,390.
- Section 4. That the City of Newark is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the Village based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 6. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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

Effective date:	April 13, 2023
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock, Executive Director

DATE: March 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 04-23: **“Accepting the Village of South Bloomfield as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On March 6, 2023, the Village Council of the Village of South Bloomfield passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts the Village of South Bloomfield as a member of MORPC, which helps meet the desire of MORPC’s membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The net dues will be pro-rated as of the date of membership and assessed to the Village of South Bloomfield in the amount to \$750.

Attachment: Resolution 04-23

RESOLUTION 04-23

“Accepting the Village of South Bloomfield as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, the Village of South Bloomfield recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity; and

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

WHEREAS, the Village of South Bloomfield has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

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

WHEREAS, the Village of South Bloomfield will be assessed dues based on the 2022 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2023, the Village Council of the Village of South Bloomfield passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the Village of South Bloomfield is accepted as a member of MORPC effective April 13, 2023
- Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that one (1) representative appointed by the Village of South Bloomfield is eligible to serve as a voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That net dues will be pro-rated as of the date of membership (April 13, 2023) and assessed to the Village of South Bloomfield for 2023 in the amount of \$750.
- Section 4. That the Village of South Bloomfield is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the Village based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2023
Time: 2:19 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Chris Amorose Groomes	Shane Farnsworth	Bonnie Michael
Karen Angelou	Cindi Fitzpatrick	Michael Schadek
Herb Asher	Jennifer Gallagher	Jim Schimmer
Kristen Atha	Matt Huffman	Elissa Schneider
Lee Bodnar	Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Kimberly Sharp
Ron Bullard	Erik Janas	Thom Sack
Michaela Burris	James Jewell	Christie Ward
Ben Collins	Ben Kessler	Brent Welch for Cornell
Tina Cottone	Bill LaFayette	Robertson
Michelle Crandall	Glenn Marzluf	Nancy White
Karl Craven	Rory McGuiness	Kenneth Wright
Brad Ebersole	Eric Meyer	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

LaGrieta Acheampong	Chris Harkness	Alana Shockey
Barry Adler	Tom Homan	Joe Stefanov
Bob Arnold	Christine Houk	Robyn Stewart
Andy Bashore	Laurie Jadwin	Shanette Strickland
Greg Butcher	Kim Maggard	Andy Volenik
Christina Drummond	Steve Mazer	Michael Watson
Kristen Easterday	Lauren Rummel	

Commission Members Present in Person

Joe Antram	Bill Habig	RC Wise
Stephanie Bosco	Brent Russell	
Jamie Brucker	David Scheffler	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Franklin Christman	Jeff Gotke	Jim Stanley
Joy Davis	Mark Johns	Evelyn Warr-Omness
Terry Emery	James Layton	
Sam Filkins	Ben Stahler	

Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristy Hawthorne	Kristin Sutton
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MORPC Staff Present in Person

Kerstin Carr	Niel Jurist	Chuck Ratliff
Dave Dixon	Eileen Leuby	Shari Saunders
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Ralonda Hampton	William Murdock	Robin Underwood
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Guests Present in Person

Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Teri Wise, Village of Centerburg

Guests Attending Remotely

Joe Allen, Village of South Bloomfield
Kathy Rose, City of Bexley

Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

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

Chair Erik Janas called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Programming – Maria Schaper, MORPC Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Director**

Maria Schaper presented the [Metropolitan Planning Organization Report](#). This year is a big year for developing the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The goals, objectives, and performance measures are adopted as of February 2023. Upcoming activities include population and employment forecasts at smaller geography, candidate project collection, and project evaluation criteria development.

The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) voted on a draft project list at their February 22 meeting. All applications submitted for projects in Central Ohio (six from the MPO area and two from the CORPO area) were recommended for funding in some capacity. The downtown innerbelt projects (Phases 2D and 3) did not receive construction funds but did receive detailed design funding. The public comment period is open through March 23. TRAC votes on the final project list March 29.

Draft 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program – Maria Schaper, MORPC Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Director

Maria Schaper presented the [2024-2027 Draft Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#). The TIP includes only the communities within the official Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary based on the census urbanized area. For Central Ohio this includes all of Franklin and Delaware Counties and parts of Union, Licking and Fairfield Counties.

The TIP lists projects and programs and the specific funding sources committed to each. All projects receiving federal funding must be included. We try to include local projects to show a full regional snapshot of transportation projects. It totals \$2.4 billion.

MORPC is submitting the final 2024-2027 TIP Draft to ODOT on March 10. There is an Open House March 28 for the MORPC and CORPO TIPs. Public comments are accepted through April 10 at tip@morpc.org.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Nancy White made a motion to accept the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Brad Ebersole; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Michelle Crandall, Secretary

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Commission Members Present in Person

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Kathy Rose, City of Bexley

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

Chair Erik Janas called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Janas announced the following appointments effective April 2023:

- Joe Stefanov, City of New Albany City Manager – Benefits & Compensation Committee Chair
- Nancy White, Mifflin Township Fiscal Officer – Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee Chair
- Jennifer Gallagher, City of Columbus Director of Public Service – Bylaws Committee Chair

Nominating Committee Report – Michelle Crandall (City of Hilliard), Nominating Committee Chair

Michelle Crandall thanked Nominating Committee members Jeff Benton, Mike Schadek, Franklin Christman, and Nancy White for their work. The Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations:

- 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
- Nominees for renewal of one-year term (expires 2024):
 - Joe Stefanov, City Manager, City of New Albany – Chair of Benefits & Compensation Committee
 - Nancy White, Fiscal Officer, Mifflin Township – Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee
 - Jennifer Gallagher, Director of Public Service, City of Columbus – Chair of Bylaws Committee
 - Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator – Chair
- Nominee for renewal of two-year term (expires 2025):
 - Jeff Benton, Commissioner, Delaware County
- Nominees for new two-year terms (expires 2025):
 - Ben Kessler, Mayor, City of Bexley
 - Kristen Atha, Director of Public Utilities, City of Columbus

The recommendations are announced in March and voted on at the April Commission meeting. New terms start in May.

Recognition of Guests and New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Eileen Leuby welcomed the new City of Columbus Representative Kristen Atha and guest Teri Wise from the Village of Centerburg.

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

William Murdock announced that it will be more complicated getting to and from MORPC for the next several months due to the I-70/I-71 project. The ramp from I-70 westbound to SR 315 northbound is closed for six months starting March 18. You can access SR 315 northbound by taking the

Rich/Town Street exit from I-70 westbound. However, you will not be able to use the ramp to exit to Rich/Town.

There have been several member events this month. Almost 200 participated in Data Day; our Drive Investment Strategy kicked off with the Driving Investment to Our Region luncheon; and we partnered with MODE on the Central Ohio Supply Chain Economic Outlook & Impact on Infrastructure luncheon. We continue to meet with communities and appreciate hearing your concerns. We make it a point to visit every member community.

Two critical positions are open: Strategic Director of Technology and Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming. Send recommendations to Mr. Murdock.

The March 31 State of the Region at the new Hilton downtown is almost sold out. The program includes keynote Charles Small, U.S. DOT Deputy Assistant Secretary; a panel of transportation experts hosted by Jack Marchbanks; and presentation of regional awards.

So far, 1,200 people responded to the American Population Panel (APP) Public Opinion Poll on transportation in partnership with the Columbus Dispatch and CHRR (Center for Human Resources Research) at The Ohio State University. MORPC will be able to periodically use the APP to get the pulse of Central Ohio communities. We are still adding to the pool of survey participants.

Two passenger rail applications are moving forward on routes coming through Columbus. The Ohio Rail Commission is the applicant for the 3C+D route. The City of Fort Wayne is the applicant for the Pittsburgh, Columbus, Chicago route. MORPC is a supporting partner and every MPO on that route is on board. Communities can help by supplying support letters by March 17. MORPC has templates for both lines.

Mr. Murdock is a panelist on the March 15 CMC Forum, Laying Track for Amtrak's Expansion. Other panelists are Erin Rosiello, All Aboard Ohio Vice Chair; Elizabeth Blount McCormick, Uniglobe Travel Designers President and Owner; and an Amtrak representative.

The first Money Mondays is March 20. The weekly sessions led by Dr. Todd Bradley will present the latest grant information and provide an opportunity to ask questions.

HBCU Connect is a new member benefit. MORPC members can post mid- to executive-level hard-to-fill or niche positions at no cost to the national alumni network of generically black colleges and universities. Email memberjobs@morpc.org for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- Northeast Area Breakfast – Tuesday, March 21, Johnstown
- Distracted Driving-Virtual Reality – Thursday, April 13, 12 p.m., MORPC
- Rural Forum One: Mobility – Wednesday, April 26, 10 a.m., Fairfield County Workforce Center

Committees

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

Bard Ebersol presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) met March 7. They learned about the State of Ohio's Comprehensive Cyber Security Plan, received Working Group updates, and welcomed three new members: Kier Scott, Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio; Kristy Wedel, Abbott; and Liz Curtis, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio. Mr. Ebersole thanked members of the Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group who are developing an overhauled agenda trying to focus on positive impacts for the region.

The March 1 Data Day at Ohio University's Dublin Campus was a resounding success with hundreds of attendees and highly rated sessions. Keynote speakers included Dr. Anirudh Ruhil, Ohio University and Michael Wilkos, United Way Central Ohio. Central Ohioans with a wide variety of professional backgrounds were represented. Mr. Ebersole thanked Ohio University and the RDAC Capacity Building Working Group for a fantastic execution of one of RDAC's objectives. Planning has already started for next year's Data Day.

As previously mentioned, we have an exciting opportunity to partner with CHRR at The Ohio State University to gain insights through their public opinion polling process and help to diversify the long running panel of survey respondents. The transportation survey is live. Key insights from the survey will be presented during the State of the Region.

The Data Policy Resource Library was published on MORPC's website in time to be featured at Data Day. We are using this "soft launch" to collect feedback from a meaningful subset of our target audience following the event. The Local Government Resources Working Group is shifting focus to incorporate feedback and content recommendation. Next steps include formalizing an objective in the next Regional Data Agenda around supporting and scaling this resource. Mr. Ebersole thanked MORPC's Jennifer Noll and Adam Porr for taking the draft library and porting it into a streamlined and publicly accessible interface.

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

David Scheffler presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). The Regional Policy Roundtable met last month and heard from the Greater Ohio Policy Center and Representative Jeff Murray who was instrumental in getting the distracted driver bill passed. The Roundtable identified areas of overlapping public policy priorities, heard information on the plans of state lawmakers, and decided to advocate for increasing the \$50,000 threshold for public bidding to \$100,000.

- **Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Engagement**
Joe Garrity and Steve Tugend gave the legislative update highlighting the following:
 - Support letters for passenger rail applications
 - State Transportation Budget
 - Congressional Member Directed Spending
 - Columbus Region Coalition Meeting with Congressman Brad Wenstrup
 - HB 1 – flat rate for Ohio income tax
 - State Operating Budget
 - Central Ohio Defense Group

Chair Janas congratulated Mayor David Scheffler who is receiving the William H. Anderson award at next month's State of the Region.

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

Ben Kessler presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) met February 15. The agenda included an overview of policy and funding opportunities, updates on the proposed federal particulate matter pollution standard, and a summary of programs and priorities for MORPC's Sustainability and Community Development Teams. The next meeting is April 19 in Westerville.

MORPC is engaging with SAC leadership and other committees to prepare comments on the U.S. EPA proposed national standard for particulate matter. Particulate matter levels have been improving in the region and we have not experienced any exceedances over the past twelve years. The improvement trend is expected to continue.

The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board met March 3 to review the 2016 COG Strategic Plan and to reflect on the progress made on rails and greenways. The goal of the retreat was to identify action items for the COB Board and MORPC to continue to connect more people to trails in Central Ohio. A draft update to the strategic plan will be shared with the COG Board at their May meeting.

Congratulations to the Cities of Lancaster and Columbus for receiving a Gold designation from the national SolSmart program.

Upcoming Events:

- Earth Day and Celebrate Trails Day – April 22
- Air Quality Awareness Week – May 1-5

Contact Brandi Whetstone if your community would like to plan or host an event or consider a proclamation recognizing Air Quality Awareness Week.

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

Chair Janas called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:19 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:25 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Joe Antram made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Bill LaFayette; motion passed.

Other Business

Thom Slack reminded members to check out www.ohgo.com for construction updates.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
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FROM: Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning
Nick Gill, Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director

DATE: March 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 02-23: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with a consultant to be selected for \$250,000 to advance Sustainable 2050 principles around electric vehicles and energy efficiency for the Central Ohio Region”**

MORPC espouses Sustainable 2050 principles for the Central Ohio Region and works collaboratively with other stakeholders and resources to plan, seek funding, and implement key projects. MORPC recognizes the value of collaboration on shared goals around sustainability, innovation, equity, and mobility for the greater region. Activities to be conducted with this solicitation include a regional electric vehicle charging siting study and regional sustainability programming coordination around energy efficiency and funding.

Attachment: Resolution 02-23

RESOLUTION 02-23

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with a consultant to be selected for \$250,000 to advance Sustainable 2050 principles around electric vehicles and energy efficiency for the Central Ohio Region”

WHEREAS, MORPC espouses Sustainable 2050 principles for the Central Ohio Region and works collaboratively with other stakeholders and resources to plan, seek funding, and implement key projects; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan includes goals, objectives, performance measures, and strategies with regard to reducing per capita energy consumption and increasing alternative fuel vehicle use; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Sustainability Agenda includes goals, objectives, and measures with regard to improving air quality, reducing climate change impacts, reducing per capita energy consumption, increasing alternative fuel vehicle use, and increasing renewable energy generation; and

WHEREAS, MORPC recognizes the value of collaboration on shared goals around sustainability, innovation, equity, and mobility for the greater region; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with a consultant to be selected for \$250,000 to advance Sustainable 2050 principles for the Central Ohio Region with activities including a regional electric vehicle charging siting study and regional sustainability programming coordination around energy efficiency and funding.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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

Effective date:	April 13, 2023
Submitted by:	Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning Nick Gill, Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director
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