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## NOTICE OF A MEETING

### COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
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**May 1, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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## AGENDA

- 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions** – Helen Rollins, Vice-Chair
- 5:32 p.m. Approval of February 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
- 5:33 p.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** – Maria Schaper, MORPC, Jennifer Noll, MORPC
- Transit Agency Reports
    - Delaware County Transit – Maria Schaper, MORPC
    - COTA Update – Kelsey Ellingsen, COTA
- 5:40 p.m. Resolutions**
- Resolution T-5-23 Adopting the SFY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham, MORPC
  - Resolution T-6-23 Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2024 Planning Work Program – Maria Schaper, MORPC
  - Resolution T-7-23 Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process – Maria Schaper, MORPC

**William Murdock, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Erik J. Janas**  
Chair

**Chris Amorose Grooms**  
Vice Chair

**Michelle Crandall**  
Secretary

- 6:00 p.m. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
- 2024 - 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Maria Schaper, MORPC
- 6:15 p.m. Informational Items**
- Air Quality Update – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC
  - Energy Grant Funding-Project Updates – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC
- 6:45 p.m. Other Business**
- 7:00 p.m. Adjourn**

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**The next CAC meeting is  
May 31, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**

# Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



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Date: **February 27, 2023**  
Time: **5:30 p.m.**  
Location: **MORPC**

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## **Members Present**

Acheampong, LaGrietta	Needleman, William (online)	Rollins, Helen
Beltran, Hugo	Paul, David	Weiss, Ira
Curlis, William	Rist, John	
Girves, Catherine	Roehm, Bob (online)	

## **Guests**

Holloway, Jadalyn  
Holloway, Kailan

## **MORPC Staff**

Gill, Nick	Matson, Kelsey
Graham, Thomas	Schaper, Maria
Lewis, Elliott	
Jurist, Niel	

### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

- Chair Acheampong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There was not a quorum present.
- Initially, a quorum was not present to approve the previous minutes and the resolutions, Chair Acheampong advanced the agenda to the non-voting items and returned to them when a quorum was present.

### **II. Approval of January 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

- Once a quorum was present, Chair Acheampong asked for a motion to approve the January 30, 2023 minutes. Mr. Weiss moved; Mr. Curlis seconded; and the motion passed.

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

- Mr. Gill 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.
- Mr. Gill informed the committee that although not specifically MPO related, but important for regional planning, we received a \$200,000 federal discretionary

award for the Safe Streets for All program to do a comprehensive safety action plan for the CORPO area. This will set up CORPO communities to apply for construction dollars for the future.

- There was one construction implementation grant from the Safe Streets for All program for the City of Columbus Livingston Ave. project which received approximately \$13 million dollars to make it a safer facility. It was the only construction implementation grant awarded in the state. Mr. Roehm asked if Safe Streets for All refers to things that might be called complete streets in transportation safety or street safety with regards to individuals feeling safe. Mr. Gill stated that it is the former, making complete streets and safe for all on the street.
- Ms. Jurist informed the committee that the MORPC State of the Region will be held on March 31, 2023 at the downtown Hilton. The guest speaker is Charles Small, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Transportation. This year, the event will focus on transportation.

#### **IV. Resolutions**

- 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 AFC members and there were no issues with the adjustment. The funding recommendations that are attached to Proposed Resolution T-2-23 does reflect that \$2 million was shifted back to the Ferris Road project.
  - Mr. Weiss stated he hopes in the future that the City of Columbus can fund the Refugee Road intersection with Heinz Road. Mr. Graham replied that we are working to help communities find alternative resources of funding and understands that this project has consistently been scored low in the attributable funding process, but we understand the importance of that project.
  - Chair Acheampong asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-2-23; Mr. Weiss moved; Mr. Curlis 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.

- Mr. Weiss asked why when the SR 161/Sinclair project has crosswalks it was not considered a pedestrian improvement. Mr. Graham stated that we can make the edit on that project before presenting to the TAC and Transportation Policy Committee since it is adding a crosswalk that does not currently exist.
- Mr. Rist expressed his concern with the language in the proposed resolution when considering the future for high-capacity transit engineering. He does not see it reflected in the proposed resolution and wonders if ODOT is held accountable for discrepancies in previous resolutions passed vs. their proposed projects shown. He is concerned about how we move forward with design and engineering projects if they are not identified now, and there is a current focus on projects like widening lanes. Mr. Gill answered that it is a process we are working on to make sure transit is at the forefront as an option to move people around the region. Chair Acheampong asked Mr. Gill if there's something the committee can do to express the importance of this matter to ODOT. Mr. Gill indicated that MORPC is taking care of the matter.
- Mr. Paul stated that for Project 464, it is described as a lane in both directions. He asked if this is an express lane that will be segregated from local traffic. Mr. Graham stated that it is just one additional lane in both directions.
- Mr. Beltran asked if it's correct that two electric buses are being purchased and how many buses do we have and what is the plan to replace all to electric. Mr. Gill stated that he believes COTA's fleet numbers around 300, replacing approximately 20 to 25 buses on an annual basis. Mr. Graham stated that COTA is in the process of replacing their entire fleet with electric buses.
- Chair Acheampong asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-3-23; Ms. Girves moved; Mr. Weiss seconded; and the motion passed.
- 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, and 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](http://www.morpc.org/mtp). Resolution T-4-23 completes our part of the collaborative process with LCATS for this matter.
  - Chair Acheampong asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-4-23; Mr. Paul moved; Ms. Girves seconded; and the motion passed.

## **V. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

- Ms. Schaper presented a status update and upcoming milestones. Ms. Schaper stated the MTP identifies regional transportation strategies and projects that span 20+ years, 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 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.

## **VI. Informational Items**

- Transportation Review Advisory Council Project List Update – Elliott Lewis, MORPC
  - Mr. Lewis presented the TRAC Draft Recommended Program. There were 30 applications submitted statewide requesting \$815 million in new construction funds. There were six applications from the MORPC MPO area for \$304 million in requests, 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](http://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/trac).
- State Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham, MORPC
  - Mr. Graham stated that we are in the process of fully updating the TIP for the SFY 2024-2027.
  - Mr. Graham explained what the TIP is one of three required products that the MPO produces. Based on the MTP, it focuses on the transportation improvement to the region over the next four years.
  - Mr. Graham continued, describing the contents of the TIP and the process in developing the product. The draft was submitted to ODOT in February 2023. MORPC is working toward a final draft submission for March 9, 2023.
  - Mr. Graham concluded stating that the final draft will be posted online by March 10, 2023. The TIP Open House will be hosted at MORPC on March 28, 2023, with COTA, DCT, and ODOT present. Public comments will be accepted through April 10, 2023 at [tip@morpc.org](mailto:tip@morpc.org). Comments can also be mailed to Nick Gill, Transportation Director, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 111 Liberty St. Columbus, OH 43215.

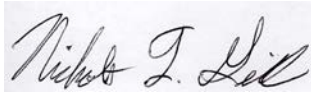
- State Fiscal Year 2024 Planning Work Program - Nick Gill, MORPC
  - Mr. Gill stated that the resolution for the SFY 2024 Planning Work Program (PWP) will come forth to the committee during its May 2023 meeting.
  - Mr. Gill informed the committee that the PWP is one of three federally required products which describe the transportation planning, projects, and studies that the MPO conducts during the state fiscal year which runs from July 1st through June 30th.
  - Mr. Gill outlined various core and special work elements that are part of the PWP.
  - The draft PWP will be sent to the committee through email in April.
  - Mr. Gill concluded by reviewing the development schedule.

**VII. Other Business**

- Chair Acheamong informed the committee that the next meeting will be held on May 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
- Mr. Rist asked when the committee will get the briefing on the Alternative Revenue survey. Mr. Gill replied that it could be sometime at the end of the year before conclusions are made. We will get more information to provide to the committee.

**VIII. Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Nick Gill, Secretary  
**Community Advisory Committee**



# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPORT

April 2023

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## PROGRAMMING

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### Transportation

Nick Gill, Transportation Director – [ngill@morpc.org](mailto:ngill@morpc.org)

#### Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- Continued development of the 2050 population and employment forecasts at the zone level.
- Continued to review local plans to collect candidate projects.
- Continued to develop 2023 benchmark data and project evaluation criteria and methodology.

#### Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

##### *Mobility Management*

- MORPC submitted a letter of intent (LOI) to the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Transit for their annual call for projects.
- Region 6 Mobility Managers held the quarterly Regional Mobility Plan meeting and finalized the yearly regional survey.
- MORPC hosted the April Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee (FCMAC) meeting. During this meeting, the subcommittee aimed at creating an emergency ride program was established.
- Members of MORPC's mobility team received training in signing up community members for COTA's reduced fare program.

##### *FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient*

- Assisted with a 5310 vehicle transfer from Share Mobility to Delaware County Transit (DCT). DCT will utilize this vehicle for their purchased transportation contract with Sourcepoint through the 5310 program as well as their Flex on-demand service.



- Presented to the Delaware County Transit Board April meeting on April 19, 2023.

### *Gohio Commute*

- Held a Transportation fair at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center to educate employees about workforce transportation options.
- Participated in the State of Ohio Health Fair to educate state employees about transportation options for their new hybrid work schedules.
- Welcomed a new vanpool to the Gohio Commute vanpool program. This vanpool will commute daily from Wellston, Oh to Chillicothe, Ohio.
- Participated in White Castle's Earth Day Fair. Information was provided about sustainable commuting and air quality.
- Presented on MORPC's Transportation Demand Management programs for workforce mobility and MORPC's Commute Action Fund at the Rural Mobility Forum.
- Met with Delaware County Transit to discuss ways to incorporate Gohio Commute offerings to enhance transportation offering in Delaware, Ohio, and surrounding areas.
- Was a guest speaker for MORPC's Money Monday's series to educate participants on sustainable commuting programs and Commute Action Fund.

## Transportation Planning Activities:

### *US 23 Connect Study*

- Participated in meetings with ODOT and their consultant team to support the development and review of study materials and communication materials in preparation for upcoming Community Partner and public meetings.

### *LinkUS Mobility Initiative*

- The partners held an internal workshop to discuss the principles of the Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) component of LinkUS.
- MORPC and COTA submitted a TSI proposal for the Ohio Engineering Technical Conference (OTEC) for October 2023.
- Participated in the Regional Housing Coalition Advocacy and Partnerships Task Force meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The team started working on a TRAC application for the West Broad Street BRT corridor.
- The modeling team continued to provide traffic analysis support for the West Broad and East Main corridor design activities.

### *Interregional Connections*

- The Rail Team went to Fort Wayne on April 13<sup>th</sup> for a press conference with the City of Fort Wayne and other partners to announce the application for the Midwest Connect passenger rail line in the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Corridor ID Program. Late Summer (September) announcements are expected by the FRA.

## Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):

- County-level subcommittee meetings wrapped up in early April and post-meeting packets were transmitted to participants.
- CORPO team members reviewed the CORPO Dedicated-Funds policy and made recommendations for updates to the policies for the FY 2024-2025 funding cycle. The CORPO Committee will act on the revised policy at their May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- The CORPO Committee will also be asked to adopt the FY 2024 Planning Work Program and the FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.
- The CORPO team met with a Federal Highway Administration representative to kick-off the CORPO Safety Action Plan, which is the result of a \$200,000 award from the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All program. The CORPO Safety Action Plan will be developed over the course of the next year.
- Benchmark data was developed and mapped to be analyzed as part of the 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan development.

## Active Transportation Planning:

- MORPC hosted a virtual group viewing of the April APBP monthly webinar. The next webinar is on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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. A stakeholder workshop was held at Franklin Township on April 17<sup>th</sup> that engaged staff from Grove City, Columbus, Franklin County Engineer, Jackson Township, and other important partner agencies in discussions about active transportation challenges and opportunities.
- MORPC hosted staff from the ODOT Traffic Monitoring team on April 20<sup>th</sup> to have an in-depth discussion about non-motorized volume data collection and management in Central Ohio and throughout the state.

## Transportation Safety:

- Hosted a distracted driving awareness event on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The event included a presentation from ODOT Highway Safety Program Manager, Michelle May. A distracted driving simulator was also available for attendees to try.
- Participated in the quarterly OARC Transportation Safety Sub-Committee meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Assisted Franklin County Safe Communities Coalition with a special safety event at COSI After Dark on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Participated in the quarterly Technical Records Coordinating Committee Technical Council meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Participated in the monthly Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 the City of Delaware hosted a collaborative stakeholder workshop on April 26<sup>th</sup> to review crash trends and safety priorities for the city. Stakeholders provided input that will inform development of a draft Safety Action Plan for the City.

## Infrastructure Funding:

### *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*

- The SFY 2024-2027 TIP was submitted to ODOT on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Throughout April, changes resulting from the TIP public comment period were incorporated into this final TIP.

### *MORPC-Attributable Funding*

- New funding commitments and updates to previous funding commitments have been transmitted to ODOT District's 5 and 6 for programming.

### *Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)*

- The Public Works Integrating Committee for District 3 (Franklin County) approved the applicant manual for the SFY 2025 infrastructure funding round in April.

### *Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)*

- The next TRAC application cycle will be open from May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. To be eligible for TRAC funding, a project must have a total cost greater than \$12 million and add capacity to a transportation system.

### *Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)*

- Two new CAPs were created for the member communities of Violet Township and South Bloomfield.
- MORPC's Economic Development Team will be consulting with MORPC's GIS and Communications and Engagement teams to finalize the 2023 CAP updates and showcase these projects on MORPC's CAP website.

## Economic Development

### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):

- The semi-annual narrative, survey, and financial reports for the Economic Adjustment Assistance grant were completed and submitted at the end of April.

### Brownfield Assessments:

- Asbestos and universal waste studies have been initiated for the property owned by the City of Powell. These studies are a necessary step in eventual demolition and development. On-site visits for testing are set to be scheduled in the next couple weeks.

# PLANNING

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## Community Development

### Central Ohio Greenways (COG):

- The COG Board met March 3<sup>rd</sup> for a COG Board Retreat to discuss priorities for an updated Strategic Plan. During the retreat the Board discussed how to make progress through partnership, funding, and marketing opportunities. With support from the COG Working Groups, MORPC staff are drafting updated Strategic Plan action items. The draft recommendations will be presented at the May 17<sup>th</sup> COG Board meeting.
- The COG Trail Development Working Group is offering advice to MORPC's technical assistance program, an updated trail count program, and trail vision refinements. The Working Group will meet again on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Marketing Working Group is advising website upgrades, social media calendar development, the wayfinding project, and a trail town framework development. The Working Group will meet again on June 14<sup>th</sup>. MORPC has signed a contract extension with Cycle Forward to begin the second phase of the Trail Town Framework as well as a contract with Designing Local to begin a Wayfinding Strategy project. COG partners will install five new permanent trail counters along the Ohio to Erie Trail in April.
- COG is supporting the Rails to Trails Conservancy and Green Columbus's Celebrate Trails Day event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. An updated Outdoor Trails Pass will be released in partnership with Experience Columbus in April 2023. The updated pass will include curated route itineraries.

### Central Ohio Blueways:

- The Community Development Team spent April holding one-on-one conversations with the Central Ohio Blueways Advisory Panel members. The meetings were held to allow the Advisory Panel members individual time to discuss any thoughts or ideas they may have, as well as provide opportunities to express any concerns. A summary of the discussions will be presented at the next Advisory Panel meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

### insight2050:

#### *LinkUS Mobility Initiative*

- Together with the Programming Department, 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](http://rapid5.org). MORPC's main contact for the RAPID 5 initiative is Chief Regional Strategy Officer, Kerstin Carr ([KCarr@morpc.org](mailto:KCarr@morpc.org)).

## Regional Housing Strategy (RHS):

### *Outreach*

- MORPC hosted a meeting of the Regional Housing Coalition Advocacy & Partnerships Task Force on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Approximately 50 attendees helped identify regional-scale actions from the Regional Housing Strategy, along with several new priorities which have emerged since the RHS was released in 2020. The results of the workshop will be summarized in a report back to the Coalition conveners, and ultimately will help to create a regionally coordinated approach to address affordability, livability, and economic competitiveness in Central Ohio.
- Team members discussed the Regional Housing Strategy and the Regional Housing Coalition with various audiences including the Ohio Realtors, Ohio State University undergraduate and graduate students, and several MORPC member communities.

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

## Sustainability

### *Sustainability Advisory Committee:*

- The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) met at the City of Westerville Electric Division on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Westerville Green Team provided updates on their sustainability initiatives which support greenspace, waste reduction, electric vehicle charging and energy programming for residents and businesses. The MORPC team provided updates on federal funding opportunities, policy, and ongoing programs. The SAC will meet again June 21<sup>st</sup> at MORPC.

### *Sustainable2050:*

- Reached out to Sustainable2050 members about federal funding opportunities. The city of Columbus and MORPC are co-leading an application to secure formula funding through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, and fourteen members have submitted letters of support. Member Earth Day events and activities were also highlighted on MORPC's website and social media pages. 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](mailto:bwhetstone@morpc.org). The next Sustainable2050 meeting will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Water Resources Program:

### *Sustaining Scioto Board*

- Members of the Sustaining Scioto Board will have an opportunity to participate in a Field Day at the April 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. This event is organized by the Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team. 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.
- The Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach team met on March 16<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for the April 26<sup>th</sup> Field Day. 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 Outreach Team will meet again on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### *Ohio EPA Water Resources Planning Work*

- Continued 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 met on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Members heard from the Ohio EPA on PM2.5 proposed revisions, as well as updates on air quality and energy programming, and grant opportunities. The Working Group will meet again on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Subcommittee on Power Siting Issues held its fourth meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting focused on the PILOT provisions granted to utility-scale solar projects in Ohio, in which the developer makes annual service payments to local and county tax districts.

### *Energy Planning*

- The city of Columbus recently 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 kicked off Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Co-op is a collaborative effort among the City of Columbus, Solar United Neighbors (SUN), MORPC, and IMPACT Community Action. Residents who are interested in solar and live in Columbus, Franklin County, and surrounding areas can join with other residents in the region to secure better pricing.
- Residents for a Sustainable Central Ohio's (RSCO) first quarter meeting will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. 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. MORPC is co-leading on applications for both the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant. For more information, please contact Brian Filiatraut, MORPC's Energy & Sustainability Program Manager, at [bfiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto: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 have been testing the performance of PurpleAir sensors with Ohio EPA's regulatory reference monitors to prepare them for data collection. The data collection for the current project is wrapping up at the end of April and a final report will be released this summer. Staff is preparing to kick off the U.S. EPA Air Monitoring grant in early summer and is focused on developing the required Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).

### *Education and Outreach*

- The 2022 World Air Quality Report by IQAir has generated a lot of questions and interest around Central Ohio's air quality. Over the past month, MORPC's Sustainability Officer has participated in five media interviews, including one most recently with Channel 10 in Columbus. That interview highlighted that the study is not consistent with available data from Ohio EPA, which indicates continued improvement and attainment with federal standards. The Ohio EPA and MORPC Teams look forward to a meeting with IQAir to discuss the study and methodology.

### *National Air Quality Awareness Week*

- Air Quality Awareness Week is May 1-5, 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 encourage people to take action and incorporate air quality knowledge into their daily living.
- MORPC successfully engaged with internal and external stakeholders in a process to review the US EPA proposal to revise the particulate matter (PM2.5) standard and submitted comments on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Clean Ohio Conservation Fund:**

- Final applications for Round 17 were due on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The Natural Assistance Resource Council (NRAC) members met on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to visually inspect prospective assistance sites and met again for a Scoring Session on April 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Edwina Teye at eteye@morpc.org. The Council will meet again on May 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss final actions for Round 17, and to review policies for the next round.

## Data, Mapping & Modeling

### Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC):

- In April, the Regional Data Advisory Committee successfully recruited six professionals to join three working groups, bringing additional capacity and more diverse perspectives for the work ahead. The Committee will meet again on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Working Groups & User Groups*

##### Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group

- The group met on April 18<sup>th</sup> to determine the most actionable and regionally impactful objectives for the RDAC Working Groups to pursue in the next three years. All recommendations moving forward from the March 7<sup>th</sup> RDAC meeting will be considered during a special RDAC meeting to be held May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Working Group will meet again on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

##### The Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group

- Group Members are continuing conversations around how to develop a resource for social sector non-profits and added two new members. The Working Group will meet again on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

##### Local Government Resources Working Group

- The Working Group continues to add content to and refine the new Data Policy Resource Library tool. Next steps include determining the best path forward to scale and support the library as a Regional Data Objective. The Working Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm.

##### Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Steering Committee

- A RIDG Steering Committee meeting was held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 latter meetings. The next meeting will be on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

##### Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG)

- The quarterly RIDG meeting was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup> at the MORPC office.

##### Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG)

- COGUG members have begun to informally explore the potential utility of WAZE for local municipalities as well as assessing the costs and benefits of utilizing ESRI cloud storage with an ad hoc selection of group members. The group is also exploring the potential for a persistent group chat tool which would be easily accessible to most members, in the aim of enhancing learning and information sharing between meetings. COGUG will meet again on May 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Data Management:

### *Data Systems & Sharing*

- Continued to explore ways to standardize data tools and workflows and to improve data and workflow version control and documentation. Staff has been working to improve the organization and metadata completeness of our assets in ArcGIS Online. The Data Team continues to develop 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 are 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, and to help plan for deployment of future counters and monitoring and analysis of their data.

### *Data Outreach*

- Continued 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.
- Collaborated with third-party efforts to plan for growth in Licking County, including Framework Licking County and an LCATS scenario planning study.
- The Data Team met with CURA leadership and staff to discuss overarching organizational objectives and potential areas for collaboration, with an emphasis on how the organizations may better coordinate to fulfil our roles as co-partners with NNIP, and better serve local communities. Many areas of potential collaboration were identified, and a standing meeting series is being considered.

## Data Analytics, Mapping, and Research:

### *Data & Research Activities*

- Continued working to streamline the process for obtaining residential building permit data and to improve the completeness of that data and is assisting with ad-hoc projects, such as analyzing the accessibility impacts of a proposed extension to the Heritage Trail.
- Program, Data, and C&E team members are collaborating on an “Actionable Insights” report, based upon the findings of the “Leaders Listen” American Population Panel (APP) public opinion poll. The poll addressed the region’s transportation needs and experiences and concluded on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The report will provide more depth than the well-received initial insights shared with approximately 1,000 local leaders and stakeholders during MORPC’s State of the Region event on March 31<sup>st</sup>. As part of this burgeoning partnership, MORPC is working with its partners at the Center for Human Resource Research (aka CHRR) and The Columbus Dispatch to expand the survey series into additional topical domains and sustain these activities into the future.

### *Mapping Activities*

- The mapping team worked on various different projects, including the creation of the TIP maps for its Open House, updating county reference data to rebuild geo-locators, and reviewing ArcGIS online data.

### *Modeling Activities*

- The modeling team supported the North Knot and LinkUS project work, maintained the traffic count program, and responded to several traffic growth and modeling requests. Furthermore, the team began reviewing the land use model forecasts and expanding the travel demand model to the ten-county area to include CORPO counties.

# COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

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## News Releases:

- [MORPC Hosts 2023 State of the Region “Powering Our Region Forward”](#) (3/31/2023)

## MORPC In the News:

- [Planning commissions want input on Central Ohio transportation improvement projects](#) (3/28/2023)
- [Big Walnut interchange years away](#) (3/29/2023)
- [As Columbus booms, is region ready for transportation demands? A lot needs to happen](#) (3/30/2023)
- [State of Transportation in Central Ohio](#) (3/31/2023)
- [Does Columbus really have the most polluted air in among all major U.S. cities?](#) (3/30/2023)
- [With Intel, other Central Ohio projects, leaders stress regional approach to transit](#) (3/31/2023)
- [Amtrak, US DOT Officials like Columbus’ chances for restoring passenger rail](#) (4/3/2023)
- [MORPC Holds State of the Region](#) (4/6/2023)
- [Our View: ‘Inadequate, antiquated or nonexistent’ People deserve better ways to get around](#) (4/10/2023)
- [MORPC Holds State of the Region](#) (4/12/2023)
- [A study ranked Columbus as the “most polluted major city in the U.S.” but regional planners question results](#) (4/13/2023)

## 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, National Minority Health Month, National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, National Fair Housing Month, Earth Month, National Walking Day, Earth Day, Celebrate Trails Day, World Health Day, CHRR Partnership, Ohio Sustainable Transportation Conference, Moving Ohio Forward 2023, TIP Comment Period, Commission: New Members, MBK Career Fair, Diversity Panel, Solar United Neighbors, Distracted Driving Law, 40 Under 40, Midwest Connect Corridor Application, The Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Open House, and MORPC In The News

### *Reach:*

- [Facebook & Instagram](#)
- [YouTube](#)

### *Top Posts:*

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

### Diversity & Inclusion:

- Communications & Engagement organized and hosted a DE&I training and guided tour, entitled “*Undesign the Redline*” for MORPC staff, facilitated by the YWCA Columbus at Capital University. “*Undesign the Redline*” is an interactive exhibit that explores the history of structural racism caused by the 1938 redlining maps and how this inequality continues to impact our communities today.
- Commemorated “Celebrate Diversity Month,” by supporting local small and minority owned businesses through recognizing different cultures with a new food truck each week.

### Public Involvement & Engagement:

- Engaged with the African American Male Wellness Agency as MORPC prepares to serve as a sponsor this year once again and host a resource table at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary walk.
- Participated in the Columbus Chamber 2023 “Meet the Class” event to meet new members of the Ohio General Assembly and other community leaders and members.
- MORPC promoted the following requests for public input through social media and on our website:
  - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Open House & Public Comment- [3/26](#), [3/28](#), [4/10](#)
  - Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) Public Input- [4/13](#)

### 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:

#### *Past Events:*

- MORPC held our annual State of the Region on March 31, 2023, at the Hilton Columbus Downtown from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Almost 1,000 people gathered to celebrate Central Ohio and the work that is taking place across our region. Visit [www.morpc.org/sotr](http://www.morpc.org/sotr) to view the recap of the event.

#### *Upcoming Events:*

- June 9-11, 2023 – Riverfest, Columbus Arts Festival

- August 1, 2023 – MORPC Social Media Summit
- September 21, 2023 – Regional Transportation Safety Forum
- October 26, 2023 – Summit on Sustainability
- March 15, 2024 – State of the Region

# MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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## Events:

- Every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., MORPC hosts the "Money Mondays" virtual presentation with our Regional Investment Officer, Dr. Todd Bradley. These sessions will be an opportunity for members to ask questions and learn more about key funding opportunities. Subjects are posted on MORPC's website under events.
- On April 13<sup>th</sup>, MORPC hosted a Distracted Driving Luncheon and Virtual Reality Simulator. Michelle May, ODOT's Highway Safety Program Manager, provided an update on the new law and the education campaign.
- The Rural Mobility Event was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfield County Workforce Center.

## MORPC presentations took place in the following communities:

- Marion Can Do Board, Apr 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Village of Shawnee Hills, member visit, Apr 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Delaware City, member visit, Apr 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Blendon Township, member visit, Apr 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Clinton Township, member visit, Apr 20<sup>th</sup>.
- City of Mount Vernon, member visit, Apr 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Knox County Commissioners, member visit, Apr 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Village of Gambier, member visit, Apr 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Village of Galena, member visit, Apr 25<sup>th</sup>.



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Transportation Policy Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director

**DATE:** April 26, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-5-23: “Adoption of the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)”

As was presented during previous meetings, the TIP is a four-year program of projects and strategies that state and local governments have selected from MORPC’s long-range transportation plan as priorities for Central Ohio’s transportation system. It contains a listing of all regionally significant projects and projects that will require the authorization of funds by FHWA or FTA. For each project, the list describes the scope of the project and the amount and type of funds committed to each phase of the project by state fiscal year (SFY). The TIP may be updated through formal amendments or administrative modifications.

MORPC’s TIP is a component of the Statewide TIP (STIP). MORPC adopts an updated TIP every two years. Coordination with the MPO member governments and transit agencies began in January with an announcement of the beginning of the update process. In March, MORPC announced the availability of the final draft TIP and held an open house for the TIP on March 28th. The Transportation Policy Committee was regularly updated about the process through monthly reports and a presentation of the draft TIP.

From March 10th to April 10th, MORPC conducted a public involvement process for the Final Draft SFY 2024-2027 TIP, which included the open house on March 28th. Staff received several comments during the open house which were answered. Comments were also received via email. Comments on specific projects were passed along to specific project sponsors. None of the comments significantly changed the final draft TIP.

The final SFY 2024-2027 TIP was due to ODOT on May 1st and will be available at [www.morpc.org/tip](http://www.morpc.org/tip). In order to remain coordinated with the statewide process and MORPC’s meeting schedules, the Transportation Policy Committee is being asked to adopt the TIP after the final TIP is required to be submitted to ODOT. In the event that the Transportation Policy Committee modifies the TIP or fails to adopt it, this will be coordinated with ODOT. ODOT is aware of this situation.

Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-5-23

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## RESOLUTION T-5-23

### **“Adoption of the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amending and Reaffirmation of the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan”**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 5303, 5305, and 5306, MORPC, as the MPO, has caused the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan dated May 2020 to be prepared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 5304, MORPC, as the MPO, has prepared a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2027 dated May 1, 2023, and available at [www.morpc.org/tip](http://www.morpc.org/tip); and

WHEREAS, all projects in the TIP are included in the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) although there are projects in the TIP that are advancing ahead of the time frame shown in the MTP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 134 and 42 USC 7506, the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan has been reanalyzed based on accepted methodology and has been determined to be in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and said fact is documented in the TIP Appendix 1 : *Air Quality Conformity Determination* dated May 1, 2023, and the SFY 2024-2027 TIP projects are consistent with this conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, the TIP includes the Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA's) Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) with specific details provided in Appendix A of the TIP, which will be adopted by the COTA board at its May 2023 meeting; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Title VI regulations, solicitation of citizens' comments on the TIP was made by following MORPC's adopted Public Involvement Process including review by the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), advertisements in the area newspapers, sunshine mailings and an open house meeting; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Federal Transit Administration's guidelines on private sector participation, private transportation operators in the region have been involved in the planning process through representation on the Transportation Advisory Committee, the CAC and/or the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 134, the financial plan for the TIP demonstrates that it can be implemented and that it is consistent with funding reasonably expected to be available; and

WHEREAS, the TIP does not become effective until approval is received from the federal and state authorities; and



WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 1, 2023 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 3, 2023 recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it adopts the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2027 dated May 1, 2023, as provided on the MORPC website at [www.morpc.org/tip](http://www.morpc.org/tip) and recommends that its members incorporate these improvements into their transportation improvement programming for their governmental units.
- Section 2. That it amends the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to adjust the time frame of certain projects already included the MTP to match the schedule shown in the TIP and it affirms the consistency between the Fiscal Years 2024 through 2027 TIP and the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) as documented in TIP Appendix 1.
- Section 3. That it authorizes the Transportation Director to approve administrative modifications to the TIP as provided in Appendix E of the document.
- Section 4. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the TIP document as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio and U.S. Departments of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the document.
- Section 5. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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

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Prepared by: Programming Department Staff



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Transportation Policy Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director

**DATE:** April 26, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-6-23: “**Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2024 Planning Work Program**”

Annually, MORPC submits 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 outlines MORPC’s annual scope of work with ODOT using federal planning dollars. The total Fiscal Year 2024 budget of all work elements is **\$8,012,437** to be spent in SFY 2024 or later. The work elements of the PWP as shown in the summary attached to the resolution (T-6-23) are divided into four sections:

- 1) Formula-Funded Planning Program Projects (total budget of **\$4,254,279** 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. This includes **\$60,000** in carryover from the SFY 2023 core program.
- 2) Special Studies (total budget **\$2,433,158** 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, LinkUS Regional Corridors Planning, 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) Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects (total budget is **\$1,325,000** for SFY 2024)  
This includes transportation services related to Ridesharing (Gohio Commute) and Air Quality Awareness activities.
- 4) Projects Undertaken by Other Entities  
This area is provided to report on local and transit transportation planning activities throughout the region. No specific federal funding through MORPC is provided for these activities.

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Resolution T-6-23 accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2024 as a document to receive federal and state planning funds.

Attachment: Resolution T-6-23



RESOLUTION T-6-23

**“Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2024 Planning Work Program”**

WHEREAS, surface transportation systems serve economic activities and provide the necessary and highly valued opportunity for people to travel freely wherever and whenever they choose; and

WHEREAS, travel in Central Ohio involves frequent crossings of municipal, township and county boundaries on facilities that are under the control of various local jurisdictions, special-purpose agencies, and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, transportation systems that function best and are most cost-effective include regular cooperative and coordinated planning and decision-making across geographic and administrative boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan includes facilitating multi-jurisdictional dialogue as a strategy to provide for collaboration in order to maintain and improve the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to encourage, facilitate and provide a forum for this cooperation so as to help spend regional transportation funds most effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Work Program (PWP) is the document that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Central Ohio Transit Authority have reviewed the MORPC Fiscal Year 2024 PWP (summary attached); and

WHEREAS, approval of this work program by the Transportation Policy Committee is necessary for MORPC to receive federal and state grants to accomplish the scope of work within it; and

WHEREAS, basic requirements for the PWP are included in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 450.308; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 1, 2023, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 3, 2023, recommended acceptance of this work program by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it hereby accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2024 in order for MORPC to receive federal and state planning funds.

- Section 2. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the activity.
- Section 3. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element budgets as needed to reflect final carryover budgets from FY 2023 into FY 2024, including modest shifting among work element budgets.
- Section 4. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of this program by the Transportation Policy Committee.
- Section 5. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair

**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment: Summary of FY 2024 PWP

**SUMMARY**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2024 MORPC PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

**Notes on Listing**

Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2024) **\$9,087,437**  
**\$8,012,437** is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2024 or subsequent years.

**I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects**

**Total Budget \$4,679,279**

**\$425,000 spent prior to SFY 2024 Balance for SFY 2024 or later is \$4,254,279**

**WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
**BUDGET**

<p><b>60124-3000</b> \$170,000</p>	<p><b>Management &amp; Operations Planning</b></p> <p>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&amp;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.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Condition report of highway system and resources</li> <li>Access Management</li> <li>Maintain Regional ITS Architecture</li> <li>Participation and education on freight initiatives</li> <li>Transportation security assistance</li> </ul>
<p><b>60134-3000</b> \$110,000</p>	<p><b>Safety Planning</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional crash data analysis</li> <li>Regional Safety Education</li> <li>Member assistance</li> <li>Participation in local and state safety committees</li> <li>Project Evaluation</li> <li>Special projects and studies</li> </ul>
<p><b>60154-3000</b> \$125,000</p>	<p><b>Transit and Human Services Planning</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the urbanized area's Coordinated Plan for Franklin and Delaware Counties</li> <li>Public transit provider coordination</li> <li>Transit Service planning assistance</li> <li>Monitor agreements and funding in the region</li> <li>Workforce Mobility Assistance</li> </ul>

\* 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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**^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024**

<b>61013-3000</b> \$485,000 * \$60,000 remaining	<b>Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning (SFY 2023)</b> 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 significant steps of the next 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 2020-2050 MTP Follow-up Goals and Objectives for the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2020-2050 MTP Candidate Strategies and Projects Active Transportation Plan Complete long-range system studies Coordination with ODOT planning activities Functional Class, National Highway System, and Thoroughfare Planning Intercity transportation service planning
<b>61014-3000</b> \$480,000	<b>Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning</b> 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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
<b>61024-0400</b> \$135,000	<b>Transportation Public Involvement</b> 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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
<b>61034-1000</b> \$425,000	<b>Regional Strategic Initiatives</b> 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> insight2050 Resource Updates and Outreach Planning for Housing Regional Trail Planning

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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

**62524-1000**

\$550,000

**Member Assistance and Support**

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**

\$144,279

**Program Administration**

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

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## II. Special Studies

**Total Budget \$3,083,158**

**\$650,000 spent prior to SFY 2024 Balance for SFY 2024 or later is \$2,433,158**

### WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

#### BUDGET

<b>66513-1000</b>	<b>Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy</b>
\$290,000	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.
* \$165,000 remaining	<u>Products/Activities</u> A cohesive wayfinding strategy that unifies regional trail networks
<b>66522-3000</b>	<b>LinkUS Regional Corridors Planning</b>
\$500,000	This work element focuses on conducting regional high capacity transit corridor planning and outreach to ensure a safe, accessible, and equitable implementation of the LinkUS Transit Corridors. The LinkUS Committees which include leaders from MORPC, COTA, City of Columbus, Franklin County and many other regional stakeholders will serve as the advisory bodies guiding most of this work. The City of Columbus and COTA have initiated the next step of planning and project development in three corridors. This work element supports that work including coordination of multiple regional stakeholders, technical planning and analysis, revenue forecasting, fiscally constrained budgeting, transit capital funds grant writing and extensive public engagement.
* \$40,000 remaining	<u>Products/Activities</u> Outreach, Education & Engagement High Capacity Transit Planning Transit Oriented Development Planning Corridor Funding Strategies
100% MORPC STBG with Toll Credit	
<b>66534-3000</b>	<b>Growth and Major Economic Development Planning</b>
\$1,000,000 ^	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.
* \$970,000 remaining	<u>Products/Activities</u> Agency Coordination Plan Enhanced data and travel demand model coverage Updated local planning documents Funding Opportunities List of Improvement Concepts
100% ODOT	
<b>66544-0400</b>	<b>Paving The Way</b>
\$50,000	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.
100% MORPC STBG using toll credit	<u>Products/Activities</u> Communications and Outreach

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<p><b>66564-3000</b> \$400,000</p> <p>100% MORPC STBG using toll credit</p>	<p><b>Supplemental Planning</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u></p> <p>Regular reports to members and MORPC committees on project delivery</p> <p>Traffic counts for approximately 200 locations, including bike and pedestrian counts as identified in active transportation count plan</p> <p>Implement projects to address the goals, objectives, and action items detailed in the Regional Data Agenda</p> <p>Provide special services and conduct special transportation studies</p> <p>Support for the Interregional Connections activities</p> <p>Resiliency Planning</p> <p>Coordination with other regional activities, such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda to further the 2020-2050 MTP goals</p>
<p><b>66574-1000</b> \$275,000</p> <p>100% MORPC STBG using toll credit</p>	<p><b>Technical Assistance Program</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u></p> <p>Planning Assistance</p>
<p><b>67413-3000</b> \$169,079</p> <p>* \$149,079 remaining</p> <p>100% FTA 5310 Administration 10% of Apportionment</p>	<p><b>5310 Designated Recipient-2023</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u></p> <p>A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions</p> <p>Comply with other FTA requirements</p> <p>Program of Projects</p> <p>Update and Maintain the Coordinated Plan</p>
<p><b>67414-3000</b> \$169,079</p> <p>^</p> <p>100% FTA 5310 Administration 10% of Apportionment</p>	<p><b>5310 Designated Recipient-2024</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u></p> <p>A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions</p> <p>Comply with other FTA requirements</p> <p>Program of Projects</p> <p>Update and Maintain the Coordinated Plan</p>
<p><b>67423-3000</b> \$130,000</p> <p>* \$115,000 remaining</p> <p>80% FTA 5310, 20% local</p>	<p><b>Mobility Management 2023</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u></p> <p>Engagement</p> <p>Increase capacity</p> <p>Information coordination</p> <p>State and local coordination</p>

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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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### 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

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# IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget \$0

## WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### BUDGET

<p><b>66505-3000</b> \$0  No funding</p>	<p><b>Ongoing Local Planning</b> 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes</p>
<p><b>67401-3000</b> \$0  No funding</p>	<p><b>Ongoing COTA Activities</b> 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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</p>
<p><b>67402-3000</b> \$0  No funding</p>	<p><b>Ongoing DCT Activities</b> 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. <u>Products/Activities</u> 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</p>

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## Memorandum

**TO:** Transportation Policy Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director

**DATE:** April 26, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-7-23: “**Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process**”

In urbanized areas, which have a population of 50,000 or more, federal planning law (49 U.S.C. 5303) calls upon local officials to cooperate with states and public transportation providers in undertaking a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C) multimodal transportation planning process. This metropolitan transportation planning process is carried out through MORPC as a federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO).

Every four years, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must certify that each MPO serving a transportation management area (TMA) – a designation by DOT of an urbanized area with a population over 200,000 as defined by the Bureau of the Census – is carrying out the metropolitan planning process in adherence with federal statutes and regulations. The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration last conducted this review, on the Secretary’s behalf, at MORPC in 2022 and will conduct another recertification review of MORPC in September 2026.

However, federal regulations also specify that the state and MPO must annually self-certify to the FHWA and the FTA that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Resolution T-7-23 self-certifies MORPC’s metropolitan transportation planning process and affirms that MORPC, as an MPO, is meeting all requirements in its transportation planning work.

Attachment: Resolution T-7-23

## RESOLUTION T-7-23

### “Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process”

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

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.334 requires that the state and MPO certify, at least every four years, that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements, including:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning requirements);
- 2) Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as Amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93;
- 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- 4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or business opportunity;
- 5) Section 11101(e) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT-funded projects;
- 6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of the equal employment opportunity program on federal and federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- 7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37 and 38;
- 8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
- 9) Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- 10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this “self-certification” is separate from the MPO certification done by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, which was last conducted at MORPC in 2022 and will be conducted again in 2026; and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite to the receipt of federal financial assistance (per 49 CFR Subtitle A, Section 21.7), MORPC is required to provide the Title VI Assurances included in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 1, 2023 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 3, 2023 recommended approval of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it certifies that the urban transportation planning process is carried out in conformance with all the applicable federal requirements to the degree that is appropriate for the size and complexity of the area.



Section 2. That it provides the Title VI Assurances in Attachment A, Parts 1 and 2.

Section 3. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachments:

- A. Part 1 – Standard DOT Title VI Assurances
- Part 2 – Contractor Contractual Requirements

**PART 1**  
**STANDARD DOT TITLE VI ASSURANCES**

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) hereby agrees that as a condition to receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT), it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and all requirements imposed by 49 CFR Part 21 - Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which MORPC receives Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. Without limiting the above general assurance, MORPC agrees that:

1. Each "program" and "facility" (as defined in Sections 21.23(e) and 21.23 (b)) will be conducted or operated in compliance with all requirements of the Regulations.
2. It will insert the clauses of Part 2 of this assurance in every contract subject to the Act and the Regulations.
3. This assurance obligates MORPC for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of personal property or real property or interest therein or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates MORPC or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:
  - (a) the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or
  - (b) the period during which MORPC retains ownership or possession of the property.
4. It will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom they delegate specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other sponsors, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants or Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.
5. It agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance for this Project and is binding on MORPC, its contractor, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest and other participants in the Project. The person whose signature appears on this resolution is authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of MORPC.

## PART 2 CONTRACTOR CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations.** The contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "DOT"), Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations"), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Nondiscrimination.** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender or sex (including pregnancy, gender identification or expression, and sexual orientation), age (including federally protected 40 years or older), disability or other handicap, low-income status, limited English proficiency, religion, genetic information, gender identification, creed, military status (past, present, or future), medical conditions, or marital/familial status in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 49 CFR 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B to part 21 of the Regulations.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment.** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender or sex (including pregnancy, gender identification or expression, and sexual orientation), age (including federally protected 40 years or older), disability or other handicap, low-income status, limited English proficiency, religion, genetic information, gender identification, creed, military status (past, present, or future), medical conditions, or marital/familial status.
4. **Information and Reports.** The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), or U.S. DOT to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to MORPC, ODOT or U.S. DOT, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance.** In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, MORPC shall impose such contract sanctions as it, ODOT or the U.S. DOT may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies, and/or
  - b. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions.** The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall include the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 5 in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as MORPC, ODOT

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or U.S. DOT may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event a contractor or subcontractor(s) becomes involved in, or is threatened

with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor or subcontractor(s) may request MORPC or ODOT to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of MORPC or ODOT and, in addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.