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**NOTICE OF A MEETING**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100  
COLUMBUS, OH 43215  
*BOARD ROOM***

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**  
**1:30 p.m.**

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**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome** – Chris Amorose Grooms, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
  - Approval of **April 6, 2023 minutes**
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, Executive Director
4. **Quarterly Financial Statements** – Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
5. **Committee Updates**
  - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
  - **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning

**William Murdock, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Erik J. Janas**  
Chair

**Chris Amorose Grooms**  
Vice Chair

**Michelle Crandall**  
Secretary

- **Transportation Policy Committee** – Maria Schaper, Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Officer
6. **Proposed Resolution 05-23: “Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”** – Maria Schaper, Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Officer
  7. **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
  8. **Draft Commission Agenda**
  9. **Other Business**

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**The next Executive Committee Meeting is**

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

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## Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2023  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Location: MORPC Board Room

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### **Members Attending in Person**

Chris Amorose Groomes	Michelle Crandall	Kim Maggard
Karen Angelou	Jennifer Gallagher	Rory McGuiness
Jeff Benton	Erik Janas	David Scheffler
Franklin Christman	Greg Lestini	Nancy White

### **Members Attending Remotely**

Joe Stefanov

### **MORPC Staff Attending in Person**

Kerstin Carr	Kelsey Matson	Maria Schaper
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	Robert Williams
Shawn Hufstедler	Anthony Perry	
Níel Jurist	Shari Saunders	

### **MORPC Staff Attending Remotely**

Andrea Doolittle

### **Guests Attending Remotely**

Daniel Van Epps

### **Welcome – Chris Amorose Groomes**

Chair Amorose Groomes called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Executive Director's Report – William Murdock**

William Murdock gave a recap of the March 31 State of the Region. Almost 1,000 attended the event which included an excellent keynote, a panel on transportation, award winners, and results of the American Population Panel survey. Mr. Murdock is proud of the MORPC Team for their efforts. Níel Jurist is the point person. Ms. Jurist remarked that MORPC is the first local government to partner with Holovision to reimagine what the future could look like in 2050. The display will be in the Inspiration Station for the May Executive Committee and Commission meetings. An email was sent with a survey, event information, and a save the date for next year's State of the Region (March 15, 2024).

MORPC is receiving excellent candidates for the Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming position. We are working with CityFI to vet them. Interviews start in approximately two weeks.

The communications consultant that met with the Executive Committee during the retreat engaged 30 CEOs and other leaders around the region asking their thoughts on MORPC and making sure we get feedback from a broader community and the private sector. The next step is a public survey through our communication channels within the next week or two. The consultant will present the data to the Executive Committee.

Earlier this week, Governor DeWine kicked off the distracted driving legislation. MORPC is hosting a distracted driving simulator event before next week's Commission meeting. MORPC is working with legislators to make certain the legislation goes a little further. MORPC is focusing on two exceptions that were included in the bill: 1) if an individual is at a red light, and 2) if the phone is at the ear. We are asking for clarity to make certain the law is not abused. Senators Kunze and Hackett are leading the effort and looking at the operating budget as a mechanism.

Mr. Murdock gave an update on the ransomware attack MORPC experienced last month. The Team was prepared with a plan and security protocol already in place. The attack got access to our server. We do have cyber insurance. No sensitive client information was threatened. The loss of work, other than inconvenience for employees, was minimal. Our IT Team plus the team from the insurance company are working on restoring the files, making changes to be even more secure, and evaluating processes to avoid, etc. We think we know where they got in but are not certain how. The level of sophistication is incredible.

Mr. Murdock reported the two passenger rail applications were successfully submitted last month. A top U.S. DOT official suggests it looks promising. The Ohio Rail Development Commission added Midwest Connect to the state rail plan. Over 100 letters of support were included with the applications. Mr. Murdock thanked Rory McGuiness for his efforts securing those. We will find out in September/October if the applications are successful.

The Regional Housing Coalition Advocacy & Partnerships Task Force kicked off on Monday. Between 60 and 80 people met focusing on the Implementers Toolkit developed as part of the Regional Housing Strategy. The toolkit includes over 100 actions items. Participants broke into six breakout sessions on like action items to determine which items make sense to address on a regional level in the short-, mid-, and long-term. A summary report will be issued by the end of the month. MORPC is happy to host a workshop or arrange a workshop for those interested.

MORPC is reviewing the financial stability of the Residential Services program. The Ohio Department of Development approached MORPC last month to take on additional territory. We are evaluating whether this is financially advantageous. Earlier this year, we partnered with a third-party group to evaluate the programs and provide a return on investment. Mr. Murdock directed members' attention to the [Weatherization Program Community Impact Report](#) provided at each seat.

The HBCU Connect portal is now open for you to post job opportunities to diverse audiences.

Upcoming events:

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

Mr. Murdock congratulated Maria Schaper for being named to this year's Business First 40 Under 40 Class.

### **Nominating Committee Report – Michelle Crandall**

Michelle Crandall reported there are no changes to the slate presented in March. The Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations:

- Nominees for Officers for renewed one-year officer terms (expires 2024):
  - Chair – Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
  - Vice-Chair – Chris Amorose Groomes, Council Member, City of Dublin

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

The recommendations will be voted on at the April Commission meeting.

### **Regional Policy Roundtable – Joseph Garrity**

Joe Garrity provided a legislative update highlighting:

- MORPC hosted the Columbus Region Coalition's meeting with Congressman Brad Wenstrup.
- The Columbus Region Coalition endorsed 15 different community projects for member directed spending. Each congressional member can submit 15 projects.
- Governor DeWine signed the state transportation budget last week. Funds for RTPOs doubled. Mr. Garrity thanked Mayors Scheffler and Starr, Greg Lestini, and the Ohio Rural Development Alliance for their efforts on this.
- MORPC is advocating for increases to the local government fund in the operating budget and for increasing the competitive bidding threshold to \$75,000.
- Team Members met with six legislators this week seeking an appropriation line item for communities that are members of Regional Planning Commissions or Councils of Government regarding technical assistance for housing issues.
- The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is May 16. Leader Allison Russo will be joining the meeting.
- Money Mondays are provided for members to learn about funding opportunities or discuss best practices. The weekly meetings are led by Todd Bradley.
- Responses to questions:
  - While the caucus Rep. Troy Balderson used to be a member of was more focused on innovative technologies such as hyperloop, he doesn't seem to be working against the current rail efforts.
  - Regarding HB 1, the property tax rollback will likely not be included in the final version of the bill. Some sort of flat tax most likely will be included in the operating budget. MORPC will continue to be assertive against it.
  - HB 64 is getting delayed; the sponsors are introducing a sub-bill.

### **Transportation Policy Committee – Maria Schaper**

Maria Schaper reported that Commissioner Mark Forrest is giving the CORPO update at next week's Commission meeting. Team Members are hosting subcommittee meetings in each CORPO county.

The final draft of the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is available for review and comment through April 10. MORPC hosted an Open House on March 28. The final TIP will be presented for adoption by the Transportation Policy Committee in May.

The LinkUS Transit Supportive Infrastructure Committee is charged with building a Transit Supportive Infrastructure Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to utilize the potential funding that could be made available through the proposed LinkUS Funding Strategy. We are hosting an April 21 workshop to continue developing the program policies that will guide the development of the CIP. The committee structure is expected to be formalized through COTA board action in May.

Ms. Schaper provided the following funding updates:

- The TRAC commitments are finalized. There are no changes from last month. The 2023 TRAC cycle opens in May.
- Team Members are finalizing the paperwork on the \$1 million dollars from ODOT for supplemental planning work related to the expected growth in the eastern part of the region. This is a work element in the Planning Work Program. MORPC will use the money for consultant work. The RFP goes out next month.
- The Active Transportation Team is partnering with Franklin County Public Health to pursue a grant from the CDC for \$50,000 per year for five years to provide active transportation planning services to disadvantaged communities.
- The 2023 Safe Streets for All NOFO is out. Submittal deadline is July 10. We have a Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan in place for the region that can be leveraged for implementation grants.

#### **Sustainability Advisory Committee – Kerstin Carr**

Kerstin Carr reported MORPC worked with the Regional Policy Roundtable, the Sustainability Advisory Committee, the Energy & Air Quality Working Group and other stakeholders to provide comments on the proposed strengthening of the PM2.5 standards. Based on extensive scientific research that shows the health benefits, MORPC is supporting the strengthening of the standard to nine micrograms per cubic meter. Central Ohio may still be in attainment even with the strengthening of the standard. We did encourage the U.S. EPA to provide more resources and technical assistance to communities and regions to make sure that we can continue to improve air quality.

A few weeks ago, IQAir published an article that claimed that Columbus, Ohio is the most polluted major city in the United States. We are highly doubtful of that and are actively trying to schedule a meeting with IQAir to better understand their methodology compared to ours. In the meantime, we are working to post a statement on our website addressing the article. Basically we are saying that we doubt this is true based on knowing that we have relatively low emitting industry and traffic congestion here, and a low wildfire risk that would produce high PM2.5 pollution.

MORPC and the City of Columbus are partnering on a Climate Pollution Reduction grant application to fund the development of a regional climate planning effort for the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hocking, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, and Union Counties). Phase one unlocks the potential for phase two implementation funding. MORPC is asking for letters of support.

MORPC is partnering with the City of Columbus and Smart Columbus on a \$15 million grant to strategize and build out a regional approach to electric vehicle charging stations in Central Ohio.

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

MORPC is trying to get outside planning support for electric vehicle siting and capacity and to also look at additional strategies and recommendations around regional electrification, energy efficiencies, and helping us better set up for funding opportunities as they arise. An RFP will be issued within the next few weeks.

Karen Angelou made a motion to approve Resolution 02-23, second by Nancy White, Greg Lestini abstained; motion passed.

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

David Scheffler made a motion to approve Resolution 03-23, second by Erik Janas; motion passed.

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

Franklin Christman made a motion to approve Resolution 04-23, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

**Draft Commission Agenda**

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft April 13, 2023 Commission Meeting Agenda.

**Other Business**

Chair Amorose Groomes thanked members for attending the Executive Committee retreat and reminded members to complete the survey if they have not done so.

Chair Amorose Groomes thanked Kim Maggard and Rory McGuiness for their leadership and dedication to the Executive Committee. This is their last Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

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Michelle Crandall, Secretary  
**Executive Committee**



# **MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 2023**



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## Memorandum

**TO:** William Murdock, Executive Director  
Executive Committee

**FROM:** Shawn Hufstedler  
Chief Operating Officer

**DATE:** April 28, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Financial Report – March 2023

## Summary

As of March 31, 2023, expenses totaled \$3,488,607 or 15% of the year's total budgeted expenses of \$23,231,714. The operating reserve (investment and cash accounts) was \$3,748,963. A net loss from all operations was recorded year-to-date as of March 31, 2023. The actual fringe and indirect rate variances were unfavorable.

## Budget vs. Expenses

Expenses through quarter ending March 31, 2023 totaled \$3,488,607 or 15% of the year's total budgeted expenses of \$23,231,714.

From a programmatic perspective, expenses differed from the budget for the following reasons:

- Over-spending associated with Weatherization programs of \$132,649 can be attributed to greater spending than budgeted at this point in the year for the Columbia Gas Warm Choice and the HWAP Programs, which are respectively over-budget by \$116,439 and \$34,415. This over-spending is partially offset by under-spending on other programs.
  - For the Columbia Gas Warm Choice Program, the budget included another \$435,329 in potential funding and MORPC is exploring various initiatives that could increase funding and/or reduce spending.
- Services to Members & Development is over-budget by \$31,677 due to greater than anticipated spending at this point in the year from the Services to Members Program. This can be attributed to the timing of payroll expenses for positions funded by multiple funding sources and is expected to be offset by underspending in the second quarter.

- Under-spending with Transportation programs of \$805,397 can be attributed to:
  - Less spending than budgeted of \$672,103 for the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. MORPC funds subgrants related to this program and subgrant payment amounts vary by quarter.
  - The Growth and Major Economic Development Planning (related to the Intel Project) and Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy Programs started later than originally anticipated.
  - Transportation programs have experienced greater personnel turnover than anticipated.
- Underspending with Housing programs of \$384,863 can be attributed to less spending than originally projected for the Franklin County Home Repair Program, Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund and HUD Healthy Homes Production Program Grant. The respective under-spending amounts compared to the budget at this point in the year are \$81,905, \$147,645, and \$126,818. Additionally, MORPC budgeted at the higher end of the potential range for housing work in 2023 and the start date from HUD for HHPP projects occurred later than anticipated.

MORPC also budgeted in the annual budget \$3,664,911 for potential programs/projects that have not been funded at this time.

## Operating Cash/Reserve

MORPC's operating reserve consists of operating cash and investment accounts. As of March 31, 2023, the cash account held \$2,156,205, while the investment account had a balance of \$1,592,758. The investment account is held in STAROhio. Combining both accounts equated to \$3,748,963, or 59 days of budgeted expenses, which is very close to the 60-day target threshold per the Operating Reserve Policy. Interest earned and allocated to the operating reserve year-to-date through March 31, 2022 was \$19,543.

## Operating Income (Change in Net Position)

There was a decrease in net position (loss from operations) for the year ending March 31, 2023. The decrease was (\$269,920). The decrease was the result of:

- A (\$170,878) net loss year-to-date for programs funded by COTA in lieu of COVID and TID (Transportation Improvement District) funding. This operating loss is due to the fact that revenue was recognized in prior years.
- A (\$84,816.07) net loss year-to-date for the Columbia Gas Warm Choice Program; and
- A (\$37,782.66) net loss year-to-date for depreciation related to leasehold improvements.

The losses were partially offset by a gain of \$19,543 to investment income.

## Member Dues

Member dues revenue was \$337,048 for the year-to-date ending March 31, 2023. Use of member dues was over budget by \$30,674. Use of all current year member dues was as follows:

<u>Use of Member Dues</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance (Over)/Under</u>
Services to Members	\$219,165	\$251,752	(\$32,587)
Local Matching Funds/Reserve	\$59,127	\$57,670	\$1,457
Development Fund	\$28,150	\$31,755	(\$3,605)
Building Lease	\$43,525	\$43,707	(\$182)
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	\$12,458	\$7,723	\$4,735
Other	\$2,073	\$2,565	(\$492)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$364,498</b>	<b>\$395,172</b>	<b>(\$30,674)</b>

## Fringe Benefit and Indirect (Overhead) Variances

### Fringe Benefits

The actual fringe benefit cost rate for the year-to-date is 58.44%, which is greater than the budgeted rate of 57.50%, creating an unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of \$9,482.

### Indirect (Overhead)

The actual indirect cost variance for the year-to-date is 64.15% which is greater than the budgeted rate of 62.50%, resulting in an unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of \$32,303.

## Statement of Net Position

- On March 31, 2023, operating cash on hand was \$2,156,205, which was equal to 34 days of budgeted cash flow. The operating reserve investment account was \$1,574,681; and management reserve is \$112,213. The remaining cash balance for the building reserve and essentially all of the building improvement/maintenance fund were transferred to the operating cash account in 2022 to cover expenses from that fund associated with the now completed building renovation project. \$71 remains in the building improvement/maintenance fund as interest income exceeded expectations in the fourth quarter of 2022, resulting in the cash amount being slightly above the transfer authority granted in the 2023 budget. The intention was to reduce the balance to \$0.
- The Central Ohio Greenways Fund is administered and held by the Columbus Foundation and had a balance of \$32,714.
- Accounts Receivable totaled \$2,952,937 compared to \$2,261,596 as of March 31, 2022. The difference compared to the prior year was primarily due to outstanding receivables for grants. We are working with our funders and expect collection to occur soon.
- Accounts Payable plus Other Accrued Liabilities totaled \$836,757 compared to \$933,591 as of March 31, 2022.
- The GASB Statement 68 Pension liability and the GASB Statement 75 OPEB (other postemployment benefits, i.e. retiree healthcare) asset have a net liability of \$5,469,930 and represent estimates of the Commission's proportional share of the unfunded liabilities/assets of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The Government Accounting Standards Board mandates that these amounts be shown in the financial statements, but such amounts do not represent an actual legal liability of MORPC to OPERS, as per State of Ohio law. Excluding the impact of GASB Statements 68 and 75, net position would be approximately \$5.5 million greater, or a positive balance of \$5,713,523 as of March 31, 2023.



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## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR-TO-DATE ENDING MARCH 31, 2023

	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Variance under / (over)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Transportation	\$ 2,405,035	\$ 1,428,760	\$ 976,274
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	\$ 264,719	\$ 125,685	\$ 139,034
Planning & Sustainability	\$ 166,137	\$ 82,313	\$ 83,824
Weatherization	\$ 804,472	\$ 852,304	\$ (47,832)
Housing	\$ 707,493	\$ 322,630	\$ 384,863
Services to Members & Development	\$ 305,372	\$ 337,048	\$ (31,677)
Other	\$ 238,474	\$ 69,946	\$ 168,528
Potential Funding	\$ 916,228	\$ -	\$ 916,228
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 5,807,929</b>	<b>\$ 3,218,687</b>	<b>\$ 2,589,242</b>
<b>Expenses by Program Area</b>			
Transportation	\$ 2,405,035	\$ 1,599,637	\$ 805,397
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	\$ 264,719	\$ 125,685	\$ 139,034
Planning & Sustainability	\$ 166,137	\$ 82,313	\$ 83,824
Weatherization	\$ 804,472	\$ 937,120	\$ (132,649)
Housing	\$ 707,493	\$ 322,630	\$ 384,863
Services to Members & Development	\$ 305,372	\$ 337,048	\$ (31,677)
Other	\$ 238,474	\$ 84,174	\$ 154,300
Potential Funding	\$ 916,228	\$ -	\$ 916,228
<b>Total Expenses by Program Area</b>	<b>\$ 5,807,929</b>	<b>\$ 3,488,607</b>	<b>\$ 2,319,321</b>
<b>Expenses by Account Category</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 2,479,895	\$ 2,191,468	\$ 288,427
Materials and Supplies	\$ 50,494	\$ 32,575	\$ 17,919
Services, Charges, & Other	\$ 1,603,457	\$ 378,979	\$ 1,224,478
Subcontracted Services	\$ 1,627,024	\$ 688,130	\$ 938,894
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 47,058	\$ 197,455	\$ (150,397)
<b>Total Expenses by Account Category</b>	<b>\$ 5,807,929</b>	<b>\$ 3,488,607</b>	<b>\$ 2,319,321</b>
Operations income (loss)	\$ (0)	\$ (269,920)	\$ 269,920
<b>Increase (decrease) in net position</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ (269,920)</b>	<b>\$ 269,920</b>

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## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

	Balance at 03/31/2023 excludes impact of GASB 68 & 75	GASB 68 & 75 03/31/2023	Balance at 03/31/2023 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Balance at 03/31/2022 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Yearly Difference
<b>Assets</b>					
Current Assets					
Cash	2,156,205		2,156,205	2,859,941	(703,736)
Cash-Designated for Building Improvement	71		71	194,024	(193,953)
Cash-Operating Reserve	1,592,758		1,592,758	1,326,330	266,428
Cash-Building Reserve	-		-	449,915	(449,915)
Cash-Management Reserve	112,213		112,213	108,970	3,243
Cash-Greenways Fund	32,714		32,714	102,846	(70,132)
Accounts Receivable	2,952,937		2,952,937	2,261,596	691,341
Prepaid Expenses	175,511		175,511	126,044	49,467
Total Current Assets	7,022,408		7,022,408	7,429,666	(407,258)
Non-Current Assets					
Forgivable Mortgages	2,255		2,255	7,681	(5,426)
Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,544,745		1,544,745	1,628,283	(83,538)
Intangible Asset Building/Equipment Lease Net of Accumulated Amortization	5,402,835		5,402,835	5,984,216	(581,381)
Total Non-Current Assets	6,949,835		6,949,835	7,620,180	(670,345)
Deferred Outflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	1,451,923	1,451,923	1,486,580	(34,657)
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	1,451,923	1,451,923	1,486,580	(34,657)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>13,972,243</b>	<b>1,451,923</b>	<b>15,424,166</b>	<b>16,536,426</b>	<b>(1,112,260)</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	210,350		210,350	368,086	(157,736)
Accrued Payroll and Fringe Benefits	626,407		626,407	565,505	60,902
Unearned Revenue	1,406,775		1,406,775	4,745,666	(3,338,890)
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	377,111		377,111	374,032	3,079
Total Current Liabilities	2,620,644		2,620,644	6,053,289	(3,432,645)
Non-Current					
Accrued PTO & Sick Leave	523,504		523,504	562,186	(38,682)
Other Mortgages-Deferred Income	2,255		2,255	7,681	(5,426)
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	5,112,316		5,112,316	5,614,005	(501,689)
GASB 68 & 75	-	2,000,733	2,000,733	4,689,161	(2,688,428)
Total Non-Current	5,638,076	2,000,733	7,638,809	10,873,033	(3,234,224)
Deferred Inflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	4,921,120	4,538,857	4,538,857	4,538,857
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	4,921,120	4,921,120	4,538,857	382,263
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8,258,719</b>	<b>6,921,853</b>	<b>15,180,572</b>	<b>21,465,179</b>	<b>(6,284,606)</b>
<b>Net Position</b>					
Beginning Net Position	513,513		513,513	(1,400,466)	1,913,979
Current YTD Net Income	(269,920)		(269,920)	(3,528,288)	3,258,367
Total Net Position	5,713,523	(5,469,930)	243,593	(4,928,754)	5,172,346
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Position</b>	<b>13,972,242</b>	<b>1,451,923</b>	<b>15,424,165</b>	<b>16,536,425</b>	<b>(1,112,260)</b>



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## Memorandum

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

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

**DATE:** April 28, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 05-23: **“Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”**

Annually, MORPC submits an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for planning funds to continue the metropolitan planning program, as currently defined by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.” Some of these funds are allocated to MORPC on a “formula” basis, and others are allocated at the discretion of MORPC and other agencies. The appropriate portions of the grants and the local shares are included in the agency budget for 2023.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024, which begins on July 1, 2023, MORPC is requesting \$3,355,423 of new combined Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds, and \$419,428 of new ODOT matching funds. The MORPC local share for these grants is \$419,428. These are the “formula” funds supporting the base transportation planning.

Historically, MORPC has encouraged ridesharing and vanpools. In SFY 2024 MORPC will be using \$750,000 of MORPC Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the ridesharing program.

Other discretionary special projects include \$400,000 in MORPC STBG funds for Supplemental Planning that will include seven activities:

1. Project Expedition SFY 2024 – Augment the efforts of the TIP project to ensure the timely completion of projects funded with MORPC-attributable funds.
2. Traffic Monitoring – Augment traffic counts received from local governments by taking traffic counts, including bike and pedestrian counts, at other key locations to maintain the regional model and for other purposes. Also, enhance availability of data on the MORPC website.



3. Data Products and Services – This includes soliciting services and data products that supplement Work Elements 60514-2000 and 60524-2000 (transportation data-related elements). It includes technical tools and services for promoting data sharing and availability and supporting the Regional Data Advisory Committee.
4. Assistance to Members – Provides planning data, travel demand forecasting, and transportation analysis assistance to members upon request for studies conducted by or for local governments.
5. Interregional Connections support - Resources for staff working on Interregional Connections.
6. Conduct resiliency research and planning to prepare the transportation system for a changing climate.
7. Coordinate with other regional activities such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda activities that further the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Goals.

As Central Ohio is designated a “maintenance” area for ozone and for fine particulate matter, MORPC will continue its planning and education efforts for air quality. \$575,000 of CMAQ funding will be used for Work Element 66734-1000 for FY 2024.

In FY 2015, a new special project work element was included to administer the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. MORPC as the designated recipient will receive an annual allocation from FTA for staff administration. From FY 2023, approximately \$149,079 remains and will be carried forward into FY 2024. The FY 2024 funds will be \$169,079 and are included in Work Element 67414-3000.

MORPC has utilized FTA Section 5310 funding to provide Mobility Manager support throughout Central Ohio. This was continued in FY 2023. From FY 2023 approximately \$115,000 remains and will be carried forward into FY 2024. The FY 2024 funds will be \$150,000 and are included in Work Element 67424-3000.

In FY 2018 MORPC assumed management of the Paving the Way program which had previously been managed by the City of Columbus through an allocation of MORPC STBG funds. MORPC will continue the Paving the Way program through Work Element 66544-0400 in FY 2024 using \$50,000 of STBG funds.

MORPC will continue the Technical Assistance Program to assist local governments to implement the principles of insight2050 as outlined in strategies in the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan through Work Element 66574-1000 in FY 2024 using \$275,000 of STBG funds.

In the FY 2022 PWP, MORPC began a new work element, 66522-3000, to provide support to the LinkUS corridor planning initiative to assist LinkUS partners in the planning and project development

needed to implement high-capacity transit corridors. Approximately \$40,000 from FY 2023 remains and will be carried forward into FY 2024 in the same work element.

In the FY 2023 PWP, as a result of obtaining funding through ODOT's SPR program, MORPC began a new work element, 66513-1000, to plan and implement a cohesive wayfinding strategy for the region. Approximately \$165,000 from FY 2023 remains and will be carried forward into FY 2024 in the same work element.

In total, including other special projects that began in previous MORPC Planning Work Programs (PWPs) and that were addressed in previous resolutions, transportation-funded elements of MORPC have remaining funds totaling approximately \$8,012,437. A portion may be carried over into SFY 2025. The use of these funds is outlined in the SFY 2024 MORPC PWP that reflects comments from ODOT and FHWA. Attached to Resolution 05-23 is a summary of the SFY 2024 MORPC PWP expected to be approved by the Transportation Policy Committee under Resolution T-6-23.

The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) has been created as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) and is staffed by MORPC. ODOT federal and state funds totaling \$200,936 are being requested to continue the CORPO (plus \$22,326 of new local matching funds). Additionally, MORPC received a discretionary Safe Routes for All planning award of \$200,000 from FHWA and is matching it with \$50,000 to develop a CORPO area Safety Action Plan. A PWP for CORPO has also been developed with the work elements included as an attachment to Resolution 05-23.

Resolution 05-23 authorizes the executive director to submit and execute any required grant applications and related agreements, including the biennial agreements with ODOT for the MORPC and CORPO transportation planning areas. The resolution also ensures MORPC's compliance with the civil rights statutes required for receipt of federal funds.

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Attachment: Resolution 05-23

## RESOLUTION 05-23

### **“Authorizing the executive director to file applications with, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation”**

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is authorized to make grants for transportation planning funds consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”; and

WHEREAS, these funds are administered in Ohio by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); and

WHEREAS, the contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the transportation planning process is also required to be in compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA); and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. DOT, that in connection with filing applications for assistance, MORPC gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. DOT requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has established procedures for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, and it is the goal of MORPC, within the requirements of U.S. DOT and ODOT, that DBEs be utilized to the maximum extent feasible when procuring equipment, supplies, and services; and

WHEREAS, to do some of the projects in the State Fiscal Year 2024 MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) PWP, it will be necessary to secure matching funds from other agencies and to subcontract work or make purchases per the estimated amounts shown in the attachment; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to file applications with and execute grant agreements on behalf of MORPC with U.S. DOT and ODOT, to aid in financing technical studies and other transportation-related activities.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with ODOT to implement 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. §1607, as may be amended, in the Columbus metropolitan planning area, including designation of MORPC as the metropolitan planning organization responsible for conducting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive urban transportation planning process.

- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with ODOT to conduct transportation planning for the CORPO, including designation of MORPC as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for conducting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process.
- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to enter into ongoing agreements of cooperation with the counties, incorporated municipalities, and other entities and special districts within the areas for carrying forward the transportation planning process consistent with IIJA and CAAA.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance, or any other document required by the U.S. DOT, effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including amendments.
- Section 6. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the application for the PWP.
- Section 7. That the executive director is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
- Section 8. That the following estimated funding be requested from ODOT:
- a. \$3,355,423 of new combined FHWA PL and FTA Section 5303 funding (plus \$419,428 of new MORPC and ODOT matching funds each).
  - b. \$200,936 in ODOT federal and state funds to continue the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (plus \$22,326 of new local matching funds).
  - c. \$750,000 of MORPC CMAQ funds to support MORPC vanpool and rideshare matching program.
  - d. \$575,000 in MORPC CMAQ funds for air quality awareness program.
  - e. \$400,000 in MORPC STBG funds for seven activities.
  - g. \$275,000 in MORPC STBG funds for insight2050 Technical Assistance Program.
  - h. \$200,000 in FHWA Safe Streets for All funding (plus \$50,000 of new MORPC/local match) for CORPO Safety Action Plan.
  - i. \$169,079 in FTA Section 5310 funding for program administration.

- j. \$120,000 in FTA Section 5310 (plus \$30,000 of new MORPC match) funding for the Mobility Manager functions.

- Section 9. That previously approved projects and activities, with remaining budgets totaling approximately \$1,499,079 in various federal, ODOT, and local funds, be authorized to continue.
- Section 10. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements with these or other funding agencies and with any subcontractors or vendors necessary to undertake any of the activities identified in the State Fiscal Year 2024 PWP for amounts that have been included in the approved budget of the agency.
- Section 11. That the executive director is authorized, if required, to approve one or more extensions of time for performance of services for any of the agreements described in this resolution and to receive funds or issue change orders not to exceed 25 percent of the original total of the agreement amounts without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 12. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 13. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair

**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Effective date: May 11, 2023  
Submitted by: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director  
Prepared by: Transportation Staff  
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21  
For Action Date: May 11, 2023

Attachment A: List of Activities to be Subcontracted

Attachment B: Summary of State Fiscal Year 2024 MORPC Planning Work Program

Attachment C: State Fiscal Year 2024 CORPO Planning Work Program Work Elements

List of Activities to be Subcontracted:

1. Gohio Commute marketing/advertising/vanpool subsidies/ride-matching software – Approximately \$40,000 is budgeted for miscellaneous printing, marketing, and advertising to multiple vendors, \$31,000 for vanpool subsidies to various vanpool providers, and \$10,000 for ride-matching software (MORPC part, other MPOs also participating in a shared services arrangement).
2. Air Quality Awareness marketing/advertising – During SFY 2024, approximately \$20,000 is budgeted for air quality-related printing, travel, outreach, marketing, and advertising to multiple vendors. An additional \$90,000 is budgeted for ozone and particulate forecasting services.
3. Up to \$44,000 is subcontracted for traffic counting services.

All other funds received and contracts to be let were or will be addressed by other resolutions, if required.

## 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

**60124-3000**

\$170,000

#### Management & Operations Planning

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

##### Products/Activities

Condition report of highway system and resources

Access Management

Maintain Regional ITS Architecture

Participation and education on freight initiatives

Transportation security assistance

**60134-3000**

\$110,000

#### Safety Planning

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

##### Products/Activities

Regional crash data analysis

Regional Safety Education

Member assistance

Participation in local and state safety committees

Project Evaluation

Special projects and studies

**60154-3000**

\$125,000

#### Transit and Human Services Planning

Coordination, assistance, and oversight to improve transit service and workforce mobility. Work includes integration of all aspects of transit and mobility to ensure that an adequate level of access is afforded to all populations while improving the range of options for meeting diverse mobility needs.

##### Products/Activities

Maintain the urbanized area's Coordinated Plan for Franklin and Delaware Counties

Public transit provider coordination

Transit Service planning assistance

Monitor agreements and funding in the region

Workforce Mobility Assistance

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

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

**60204-3000**

\$375,000

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation**

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

Products/Activities

Maintain the SFY 2024-2027 TIP

Prioritized list of regional projects for TRAC

Collaboration on innovative project delivery and financing options for projects

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

Update the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding

Complete Streets Policy and Implementation

**60514-2000**

\$510,000

**Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data**

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

Products/Activities

Increase efficiencies of internal data systems

Update and maintain data sets to support transportation planning efforts

Promote data sharing among data providers to reduce redundancy

Coordinate with U.S. Census

Collection and maintenance of mobility data sets

**60524-2000**

\$500,000

**Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs**

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

Products/Activities

Provide GIS and technical assistance to transportation programs

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

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

Update the Transportation Plan Report Card

Respond to and document requests

**60554-3000**

\$460,000

**Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications**

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

Products/Activities

Up-to-date travel demand model

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

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

Determination of the emissions changes from proposed CMAQ projects

Up-to-date Land Use Model processes

Modeling assistance to ODOT staff in the certified design traffic development

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

**^ 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

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

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

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

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

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

## II. Special Studies

**Total Budget \$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
<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
<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

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

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

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

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

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

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

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

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

### III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

**Total Budget \$1,325,000**

#### WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

#### BUDGET

<b>66714-3000</b>	<b>Transportation Services (Ridesharing)</b>
\$750,000	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.
100% MORPC CMAQ	<u>Products/Activities</u> 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
<b>66734-1000</b>	<b>Air Quality Awareness</b>
\$575,000	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.
100% MORPC CMAQ	<u>Products/Activities</u> 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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**^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024**

## IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

**Total Budget \$0**

### WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

#### BUDGET

**66505-3000**

\$0

No funding

#### Ongoing Local Planning

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

##### Products/Activities

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

**67401-3000**

\$0

No funding

#### Ongoing COTA Activities

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

##### Products/Activities

COTA's planning process

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

Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP)

Service change planning

COTA safety and asset management plans

**67402-3000**

\$0

No funding

#### Ongoing DCT Activities

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

##### Products/Activities

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

Implement recommendations from DCT's Interim SRTP

DCT safety and asset management plans

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FY 2024 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

WORK ELEMENTS

No. 60194-3000

601 - Short Range Planning

Short-range planning services help members make progress on the objectives established in the CORPO Transportation Plan (CTP). The IIJA encourages areas to be innovative in the way they manage and operate the system to ensure people and goods move efficiently, safely, and in the most secure way possible. CORPO will support the management and operation of the transportation system by reporting on its conditions and identifying resources to meet established performance measures.

The IIJA continued a core Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that is structured and funded to make significant progress in reducing highway fatalities. This law requires state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to implement a State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and to address safety issues in their regions. CORPO's safety planning work will help the state meet this requirement.

Active transportation planning ensures that non-motorized transportation facilities are constructed as part of a multi-modal transportation system and that performance measures are in place to guide engineering, education, and enforcement practices that enhance their usage and the safety of non- motorists.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
Condition report of highway system and funding: Assess current condition of highway system by collecting pavement condition summaries from ODOT and local agencies. Assist members in Identifying resources needed to bring it to an acceptable standard and in applying for funding. Coordinate effort with the ODOT Asset Management System	CORPO/Local Governments	As needed for TIP and CTP
Safety planning and safety funding applications: Encourage members to address safety concerns through engineering and enforcement measures. Assist them with their applications for safety funding. Conduct special studies and projects related to transportation safety such as intersection modifications as requested by members or ODOT.	CORPO/ODOT/Local Governments/Others	Ongoing
Active transportation planning: Assist local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing active transportation infrastructure that includes both bike and pedestrian facility. Assist members with trail planning development and complete streets.	CORPO/ODOT/Local Governments	Ongoing
Transit Planning: Coordinate with both public and private transit and mobility providers on public transit and human services planning. Assist members with related grant applications (5310, 5307, OTP2, etc.), planning documents and meeting planning.	CORPO / MORPC/ Local governments and Transit Agencies	Ongoing

Budget:

Total Work Element                      \$40,000                      \$32,000 FHWA, \$4,000 ODOT, \$4,000 MORPC

PID#: 118375



602 - Transportation Improvement ProgramTransportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

This element is to prepare and continue to maintain an updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through this element. CORPO will identify federal, state, and other resources to make local improvements and coordinate them with traditional federal resources.

This element also involves the monitoring and coordination of progress for projects in the TIP, including the projects awarded funds through CORPO's Dedicated Funds Program. As needed amendments to the TIP are completed. Periodic reports concerning the status of federal funds are made to the CORPO committees. CORPO also participates in public involvement opportunities conducted as part of the development of regionally significant transportation improvements including transit projects.

<u>Product: Method</u>	<u>Agency/ies</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
Transportation Improvement Program: Coordinate with ODOT Districts 5 and 6, MORPC, transit providers and local agencies on project information for amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP. Coordinate with ODOT Central Office on TIP updates and amendment schedules. Monitor projects awarded funds through CORPO's Dedicated Funds program.	<i>CORPO</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
Collaboration on project delivery and financing options for projects: As needed, work with local jurisdictions to identify project funding mechanisms and coordinate them with the use of federal, state and other locally available resources, including coordination with OPWC's SCIP-/LTIP-funded projects. Assist with special funding opportunities such as CORPO Dedicated Funds, Transit related funding, and Discretionary funding opportunities. Work with our public and private partners to bring projects that are extremely time-sensitive online as quickly as possible.	<i>CORPO &amp; Local Agencies</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Budget:

Total Work Element                      \$50,000                      \$40,000 FHWA, \$5,000 ODOT, \$5,000 MORPC  
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605 – Continuing Planning – Surveillance**Data and Analysis**

Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools to analyze data and develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization. In addition, CORPO intends to function as a resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs.

<b>Product: Method</b>	<b>Agency/ies</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
Provide GIS and technical assistance to members: Coordinate with the modeling team to be responsive to new data needs associated with the travel demand model. Prepare land use forecasts for traffic studies. Provide demographic and economic data for studies as needed.	<i>CORPO</i>	<i>As Needed</i>
Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making: Create data visualizations to make finding and retrieving information easy for users for transportation planning purposes: Produce data-driven reports for a quick view of facts and figures about communities and the region.	<i>CORPO/MORPC</i>	<i>As Needed</i>
Respond to and document requests: Answer questions from government, residents, academia and businesses for transportation and demographic data.	<i>CORPO/MORPC</i>	<i>As Needed</i>

**Budget:**

Total Work Element                      \$38,609                      \$30,887 FHWA, \$3,861 ODOT, \$3,861 MORPC

PID#: 118375

610 – Transportation PlanLong Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

This work element is the creation and maintenance of the Long-Range Rural Transportation Plan and related activities. The plan examines the region's transportation needs at least 20 years into the future and proposes a multimodal network to meet the region's needs. Work includes maintenance activities for the current 2018-2040 long-range rural transportation plan completed in 2018, and also development activities for the 2023-2050 transportation plan. This activity also includes coordination with local governments and other transportation agencies, participating in special long-range planning efforts, monitoring, and reporting on federal and state transportation legislation, regulations, and policies, and integrating transportation into other regional planning efforts.

<u>Product: Method</u>	<u>Agency/ies</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
The 2018 – 2040 Long- Range Transportation Plan: Amend as needed.	CORPO	As Needed
2023 – 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan: Through stakeholder and public involvement, identify transportation infrastructure and mobility strategies and prioritize projects. Document plan and development process.	CORPO	Plan Adoption November 2023
North Pickaway County TID Transportation Plan: provide data, information, and coordination with Pickaway County TID to assist with plan development.	CORPO/Pickaway County	June 2024
Fairfield County Active Transportation Plan: Assist Fairfield County in development of countywide active transportation plan.	CORPO/Fairfield County	November 2023
Coordinate with ODOT planning activities: Coordinate with special studies and projects that are in the early steps of development. Coordinate with ODOT on implementing strategies in A045, Walk.Bike.Ohio and Transport Ohio within CORPO.	CORPO/MORPC	As Needed
Complete other long-range system studies: Use regional data and resources and technical expertise in highway, thoroughfare, transit, pedestrian, access management, freight, and bikeway planning to analyze specific long-range transportation needs to assist members.	CORPO/Local Governments	Ongoing

Budget:

Total Work Element                      \$94,652                      \$75,722 FHWA, \$9,465 ODOT, \$9,465 MORPC

PID#: 118375

665 – Special Studies

Supplemental Planning

This work element includes additional planning activities that will supplement the core RTPD work elements, and currently includes one activity.

In 2022, CORPO applied to USDOT’s Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary program for planning funds to complete a Safety Action Plan for the seven-county CORPO planning area. In January 2023, CORPO received notification of award of these funds to develop the plan.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
CORPO Safety Action Plan: Develop a safety action plan for the seven-county CORPO planning area in accordance with the funding program guidelines and requirements.	CORPO	June 2024

Budget:

Total Work Element                      \$250,000              \$200,000 FHWA, \$0 ODOT, \$50,000 MORPC