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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMISSION MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
TOWN HALL

Thursday, May 11, 2023
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m.
- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 2. Welcome and Introductions** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
 - 3. Executive Director's Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - **The Columbus Region Federal Funds Initiative** – Kenny McDonald, Columbus Partnership President & CEO
 - **MORPC Website Update** – Níel Jurist, MORPC Senior Director of Communications & Engagement

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

Chris Amorose Grooms
Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary

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

Committees

4. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - a. **Call to Order** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
 - Programing – Maria Schaper, Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Officer
 - c. **2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Maria Schaper, Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Officer
 - d. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of [April 13, 2023 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - 2) [Proposed Resolution T-5-23](#): “Adopting the SFY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program”
 - 3) [Proposed Resolution T-6-23](#): “Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2024 Planning Work Program”
 - 4) [Proposed Resolution T-7-23](#): “Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process”
 - e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
5. **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair
6. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - **Legislative Update** – Sheila Boehner, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
7. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
8. **Commission Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of [April 13, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes](#)
 - b. [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”**

c. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

2:45 p.m. 9. Other Business

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

The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, June 8, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
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MORPC Monthly Agency Report

April 2023

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CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

Advocacy

Team Members 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.

Gohio Commute

Team Members welcomed a new vanpool that commutes daily from Wellston to Chillicothe. Staff met with Delaware County Transit to discuss ways to incorporate Gohio Commute to enhance transportation offerings in Delaware and surrounding areas. Staff promoted Gohio Commute via:

- Transportation Fair at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center
- State of Ohio Health Fair
- White Castle’s Earth Day Fair
- Marketing campaign on Facebook and Instagram.

Active Transportation

Work continues 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 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.

Team Members met with staff from ODOT Traffic Monitoring on April 20 to discuss non-motorized volume data collection and management in Central Ohio and throughout the state.

MORPC hosted a virtual group viewing of the April APBP monthly webinar. The next webinar is May 17, 3 p.m. The webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov (jpetrov@morpc.org) if interested in attending.

Transportation Safety

Team Members took part in the quarterly OARC Transportation Safety Sub-Committee meeting; assisted Franklin County Safe Communities Coalition with a special safety event at COSI After Dark; took part in the quarterly Technical Records Coordinating Committee Technical Council meeting; and attended in the monthly Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review meeting.

Technical Assistance Program

Work continues with all five communities awarded technical assistance services. Initial meetings and conversations with key stakeholders are scheduled or underway.

MORPC and the City of Delaware hosted a collaborative stakeholder workshop on April 26 to review crash trends and safety priorities for the city. Stakeholders supplied input that will inform development of a draft Safety Action Plan for the City.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

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 next Working Group meeting is June 15.

The Marketing Working Group is advising website upgrades, social media calendar development, the wayfinding project, and a trail town framework development. The next Working Group meeting is June 14. MORPC 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 this month.

COG supported the Rails to Trails Conservancy and Green Columbus's April 22 Celebrate Trails Day event. An updated Outdoor Trails Pass was released in partnership with Experience Columbus. The updated pass includes curated route itineraries.

Central Ohio Blueways

The Community Development Team held one-on-one conversations with the Central Ohio Blueways Advisory Panel members. The meetings allowed 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 May 10 Advisory Panel meeting.

Regional Housing Strategy

MORPC hosted a meeting of the Regional Housing Coalition Advocacy & Partnerships Task Force on April 3. 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 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.

For those interested in a housing/growth workshop for your community's elected officials, staff, or community leaders, MORPC is accepting requests for presentations and workshops. Our team will work with you to design the agenda, including recommended speakers and learning objectives. Contact Jennifer Noll for more information (JNoll@morpc.org).

Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) met at the City of Westerville Electric Division on April 19. 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 next SAC meeting is June 21.

Sustainable2050

Member Earth Day events and activities were 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. The next Sustainable2050 meeting is June 22.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The April 26 Sustaining Scioto Board meeting was a Field Day focusing on water quality practices in the watershed. The Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team organized the Field Day.

Ohio EPA Water Resources Planning Work

Team Members continued to verify, and update where necessary, facility planning area boundaries. 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

The Subcommittee on Power Siting Issues met April 18. 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.

The 2022 World Air Quality Report by IQAir generated a lot of questions and interest around Central Ohio's air quality. Over the past month, MORPC participated in five media interviews. The interviews 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.

Air Quality Awareness Week was May 1-5. The theme was "Working Together for Clean Air". MORPC worked in coordination with other MPOs across the state to promote consistent messages and themes throughout AQ Awareness week. Team Members localize the information while keeping in line with the national themes. Information highlighted resources that increase air quality awareness and encourage people to act and incorporate air quality knowledge into their daily living.

MORPC successfully engaged with internal and external stakeholders in a process to review the U.S. EPA proposal to revise the particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standard and submitted comments on March 28.

Energy Planning

The second round of the Columbus Area Residential Solar Co-op kicked off April 19. The Co-op is a collaborative effort among the City of Columbus, Solar United Neighbors (SUN), MORPC, and IMPACT Community Action. Residents 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 was April 26. Each represented community discussed the highlights of current sustainability programming and their priorities for 2023.

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project

MORPC, Ohio EPA, and Franklin County Public Health are 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 wrapped 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).

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The Regional Data Advisory Committee recruited six professionals to join three working groups, bringing added capacity and more diverse perspectives for the work ahead.

- The Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group met April 18 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 RDAC meeting will be considered during a special RDAC meeting on May 9. The next Working Group meeting is May 16.
- The Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group met April 26. Members continue conversations around how to develop a resource for social sector non-profits and added two new members.
- The Local Government Resources 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 p.m.
- The Central Ohio GIS Users Group is informally exploring the potential utility of WAZE for local municipalities as well as assessing the costs and benefits of utilizing ESRI cloud storage. The group is also exploring the potential for a persistent group chat tool which would be easily accessible to most members. The next meeting is May 17.

Data Management & Outreach

Team Members continued to explore ways to standardize data tools and workflows and to improve data and workflow version control and documentation. Staff is working to improve the organization and metadata completeness of our assets in ArcGIS Online.

Team Members collaborated with third-party efforts to plan for growth in Licking County, including Framework Licking County and an LCATS scenario planning study.

MORPC 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.

Data & Research Activities

Team Members continued to streamline the process for obtaining residential building permit data and to improve the completeness of that data.

Staff is developing 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. The report will provide more depth than the initial insights shared during MORPC’s State of the Region event. 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.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

April is Celebrate Diversity Month. MORPC hosted a panel discussion on “Advancing Diversity and Fostering an Inclusive Workplace.”

Team Members took part in the Central Ohio Diversity Consortium Meeting on April 14. These meetings provide opportunities for learning and information-sharing between members to help organizations deploy their DE&I strategy in meaningful and impactful ways.

MORPC convened two employee DE&I trainings focused on the Undesign the Redline housing exhibit which were facilitated by the Columbus YWCA.

Team Members continue to participate in digital inclusion efforts, specifically the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition and the Regional Digital Inclusion Alliance for the Central Ohio region in support of a statewide digital inclusion initiative.

Staff engaged with the African American Male Wellness Agency as MORPC prepares to serve as a sponsor again this year and host a resource table at the 20th Anniversary walk.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

Interregional Connections

Staff took part in an April 13 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. Announcements are expected by the FRA in late summer or September.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Throughout April, Team Members incorporated changes resulting from the TIP public comment period into the SFY 2024-2027 TIP which was submitted to ODOT on May 1.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

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

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

Mobility Management

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 meeting. The subcommittee aimed at creating an emergency ride program was established during the meeting.

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

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

US 23 Connect Study

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

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

LinkUS 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 in October. Team Members began work on a TRAC application for the West Broad Street BRT corridor.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

County-level subcommittee meetings wrapped up in early April. 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 the May 1 meeting. The committee will also be asked to adopt the FY 2024 Planning Work Program and the FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Staff 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.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

Team Members transmitted new funding commitments and updates to previous funding commitments to ODOT Districts 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 is May 1-31. 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 Violet Township and South Bloomfield. Team Members are finalizing the 2023 CAP updates and will showcase the projects on MORPC's CAP website.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Staff completed and submitted the semi-annual narrative, survey, and financial reports for the Economic Adjustment Assistance grant.

Brownfield Assessments

Asbestos and universal waste studies were initiated for property owned by the City of Powell. The studies are a necessary step in eventual demolition and development.

Energy Planning

Federal Funding opportunities are a priority as Team Members continue 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. Fourteen Sustainable2050 members submitted letters of support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. For more information, contact Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

The Natural Assistance Resource Council (NRAC) met April 5 for a scoring session on Round 17 final applications. NRAC met May 1 to discuss final actions for Round 17 and to review policies for the next round. For more information, contact Edwina Teye at eteye@morpc.org.

PAY IT FORWARD

Events

April is Earth Month. MORPC celebrated by encouraging others to participate in sustainable activities, use alternative modes of transportation, and join Earth Day events hosted by Sustainable2050 members.

MORPC hosted/held the following events:

- Distracted Driving Awareness Luncheon and Virtual Reality Demo – included a presentation from ODOT Highway Safety Program Manager Michelle May. A distracted driving simulator was available.
- Rural Mobility Forum – Wednesday, April 16, Fairfield County Workforce Center. MORPC hosts an annual series of forums for our rural members to advance community planning practices. This forum focused on opportunities and challenges to provide mobility services for communities located outside Franklin County in the Central Ohio area.

Upcoming Events

- June 10-11 – Riverfest, Columbus Arts Festival
- August 1 – MORPC Social Media Summit, MORPC
- September 21 – Regional Transportation Safety Forum, MORPC
- October 26 – Summit on Sustainability, Hilton Columbus Downtown
- March 15, 2024 – State of the Region, Hilton Columbus Downtown

Public Involvement & Engagement

Staff took part in the MBK College, Career and Community Fair on April 22 at OSU's Schottenstein Center.

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

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Open House & Public Comment
- Short Range Transit Plan (S RTP) Public Input

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 34th consecutive year, MORPC received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 2021. The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare annual comprehensive financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

HBCU Connect

MORPC continues to advertise the opportunity to post job openings on HBCU Connect's Career Portal. So far, we've posted two positions for member organizations.

MORPC in the News

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

Personnel Updates

New Team Member Breanna Harvey began as a Customer Service Specialist on April 11.

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Associate Planner or Engineer
- Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
- Commute Coordinator
- Senior Planner

The requirements for the posted positions are available for review on the website at <http://www.morpc.org/careers/>.

RFP/RFQ Postings

The following RFP's/RFQ's were posted:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Siting Study and Sustainable Energy Support (closed May 10)
- HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Programs 2022
- Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Programs 2022

The full RFP/RFQs are available at <http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqs/>.



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2023
Time: 2:19 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Chris Amorose Groomes	Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Eric Richter
Karen Angelou	Erik Janas	Cornell Robertson
Herb Asher	James Jewell	Lauren Rummel
Kristen Atha	Emily Keeler	Jim Schimmer
Tina Cottone	Ben Kessler	Elissa Schneider
Michelle Crandall	Bill LaFayette	Kimberly Sharp
Karl Craven	Greg Lestini	Thom Slack
Brad Ebersole	Kim Maggard	Robyn Stewart
Shane Farnsworth	Glenn Marzluf	Andy Volenik
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Rory McGuinness	Nancy White
Jennifer Gallagher	Eric Meyer	Kenneth Wright

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Susan Brobst	Tom Holman	Megan O'Callaghan
Chasilyn Carter	Monica Ireland	Alana Shockey
Ben Collins	Laurie Jadwin	Joe Stefanov
Kristen Easterday	Steve Mazer	Michael Watson

Commission Members Present in Person

Joe Antram	Sam Filkins	Tom Ramsay
Stephanie Bosco	Bill Habig	Nick Shultz
Jamie Brucker	Jeff Hall	Ben Stahler
Franklin Christman	Mark Mauter	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Barry Addler	Herb Koehler	Jim Stanley
Ben Carpenter	Kerr Murray	Matt Starr
Terry Emery	Bill Narducci	Evelyn Warr-Omness
Mark Johns	Eric Phillips	RC Wise

Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Mike Borger	Niel Jurist	Kyle Probert
Todd Bradley	Grant Lach	Shari Saunders
Kerstin Carr	Eileen Leuby	Maria Schaper
Dave Dixon	Kelsey Matson	Robin Underwood
Joe Garrity	Amanda McEldowney	Brandi Whetstone
Ralonda Hampton	William Murdock	
Shawn Hufstedler	Anthony Perry	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Brian Filiatraut

Guests Present in Person

Jeff Allen, Village of South Bloomfield

Sheila Boehner, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Anna Piper, Franklin County Public Health
Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Grace Walker, Morrow County

Guests Attending Remotely

Mendra Hupp, PCJFS
Nita Hanson, Etna Township
Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Jim Slates
Jake Tufts
Brent Welch, FCEO

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

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

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Programming – Nick Gill, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director**

Nick Gill presented the [Metropolitan Planning Organization Report](#). MORPC submitted the draft Planning Work Program (PWP) to ODOT at the beginning of March. ODOT did not have any significant comments. The draft is available on MORPC's website and will be presented for adoption next month.

The final draft of the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was available for review and comment through April 10. COTA's short range plan is part of the TIP and they are continuing to have comment opportunities throughout the month. The final TIP will be presented for adoption by the Transportation Policy Committee in May.

The LinkUS Transit Supportive Infrastructure Committee, to be made up of jurisdictions throughout the COTA service area, is charged with building a Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to use the potential funding that could be made available through the proposed LinkUS Funding Strategy. MORPC held initial meetings with communities on this last year and is bringing the communities together again this spring to continue developing the program policies that will guide the development of the CIP. The TSI committee structure is expected to be formalized through COTA board action in May.

The six Central Ohio projects submitted to the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) received funding.

The 2023 Safe Streets for All NOFO was issued last week. Application deadline is July 10. To receive implementation funding, you must have a safety action plan or elements of a safety action plan in place.

2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Nick Gill, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director

Nick Gill presented the [2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#). The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a long-range vision that sets the stage for the funding we want to go after. The MTP is updated every four years.

Current activities include 2050 population and employment forecasts, compilation of candidate projects, and development of project evaluation criteria. Upcoming activities include an interactive map available in May, strategy and project evaluation, and draft strategies and projects. The final plan will be adopted in May 2024. Maria Schaper is the MORPC Team Lead.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Kim Maggard made a motion to accept the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, a second was made; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Michelle Crandall, Secretary

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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. 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

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

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Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary

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; 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 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.

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

Date

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.

William Murdock, AICP
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Chair

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Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary

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.

Erik J. Janas, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

61013-3000 \$485,000 * \$60,000 remaining	Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning (SFY 2023) 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
61014-3000 \$480,000	Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the major requirement of the MPO, including coordinating all Transportation Plan-related activities. This includes any follow-up to the completed 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and completion of the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to be adopted in 2024. This activity is also to coordinate with state and local agencies on transportation studies and plans. Specific activities this year are listed below. <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
61024-0400 \$135,000	Transportation Public Involvement Public involvement and outreach are vital components of the transportation planning process. These activities maintain the public involvement process for transportation consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), federal regulations, and local needs. Efforts continue to seek the involvement of low-income and minority populations, handicapped, and elderly in the transportation planning process, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Active Transportation Plan, FTA's Section 5310, FTA's Section 5307, and other transportation-related studies. The Public Participation Plan supports the activities of the Community Advisory Committee and provides updates on transportation planning activities through in-person and virtual presentations, the web, electronic newsletters, social media, and other public involvement and outreach activities. <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
61034-1000 \$425,000	Regional Strategic Initiatives Transportation is interrelated with land use, housing, air quality, energy, environmental sustainability, and quality of life. This work element is to ensure MORPC is leading the region in studying, identifying, and communicating best practices, as well as developing plans, tools, and programming to address these issues and advance regional goals in these areas. This work element includes connecting people to green space and our natural resources. Specific activities this year are listed below. <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

66513-1000	Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy
\$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
66522-3000	LinkUS Regional Corridors Planning
\$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
66534-3000	Growth and Major Economic Development Planning
\$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
66544-0400	Paving The Way
\$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

66564-3000 \$400,000 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit	Supplemental Planning This work element supplements the formula-funded program and includes research and planning efforts that are required to fulfill MPO planning and project implementation responsibilities. The activity includes elements that supplement project delivery, data collection and data management, Interregional Connections, long-range studies, and sustainability. Specific activities this year are listed below. <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
66574-1000 \$275,000 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit	Technical Assistance Program The purpose of this work element is to provide technical planning assistance to support individual communities with effective integration of key strategies identified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) into local planning and programming. Services will be provided for specific planning activities related to active transportation, trail planning, transportation safety, and transit- supportive land use planning. <u>Products/Activities</u> Planning Assistance
67413-3000 \$169,079 * \$149,079 remaining 100% FTA 5310 Administration 10% of Apportionment	5310 Designated Recipient-2023 This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients. <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
67414-3000 \$169,079 ^ 100% FTA 5310 Administration 10% of Apportionment	5310 Designated Recipient-2024 This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for each federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients. <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
67423-3000 \$130,000 * \$115,000 remaining 80% FTA 5310, 20% local	Mobility Management 2023 This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services, and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. <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

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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

Total Budget \$1,325,000

WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BUDGET

66714-3000	Transportation Services (Ridesharing)
\$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
66734-1000	Air Quality Awareness
\$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

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

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget \$0

WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BUDGET

66505-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing Local Planning

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

Products/Activities

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

67401-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing COTA Activities

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

Products/Activities

COTA's planning process

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

Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP)

Service change planning

COTA safety and asset management plans

67402-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing DCT Activities

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

Products/Activities

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

Implement recommendations from DCT's Interim SRTP

DCT safety and asset management plans

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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024



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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.

Erik J. Janas, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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.



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Commission Members Present in Person

Chris Amorose Groomes	Cindi Fitzpatrick	Rory McGuiness
Karen Angelou	Jennifer Gallagher	Eric Meyer
Joe Antram	Bill Habig	Tom Ramsay
Herb Asher	Jeff Hall	Eric Richter
Kristen Atha	Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Cornell Robertson
Stephanie Bosco	Erik Janas	Lauren Rummel
Jamie Brucker	James Jewell	Jim Schimmer
Franklin Christman	Emily Keeler	Elissa Schneider
Tina Cottone	Ben Kessler	Nick Shultz
Michelle Crandall	Bill LaFayette	Ben Stahler
Karl Craven	Greg Lestini	Robyn Stewart
Brad Ebersole	Kim Maggard	Nancy White
Shane Farnsworth	Glenn Marzluf	Kenneth Wright
Sam Filkins	Mark Mauter	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Barry Adler	Mark Johns	Jim Stanley
Susan Brobst	Herb Koehler	Matt Starr
Ben Carpenter	Steve Mazer	Joe Stefanov
Ben Collins	Kerr Murray	Evelyn Warr-Onmess
Terry Emery	Bill Narducci	Michael Watson
Tom Holman	Megan O'Callaghan	RC Wise
Monica Irelan	Eric Phillips	
Laurie Jadwin	Alana Shockey	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Kimberly Sharp	Thom Slack	Andy Volenik
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Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Chasilyn Carter	Kristen Easterday
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Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Mike Borger	Niel Jurist	Kyle Probert
Todd Bradley	Grant Lach	Shari Saunders
Kerstin Carr	Eileen Leuby	Maria Schaper
Dave Dixon	Kelsey Matson	Robin Underwood
Joe Garrity	Amanda McEldowney	Brandi Whetstone
Ralonda Hampton	William Murdock	
Shawn Hufstедler	Anthony Perry	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Brian Filiatraut

Guests Present in Person

Jeff Allen, Village of South Bloomfield
Sheila Boehner, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Anna Piper, Franklin County Public Health

Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Grace Walker, Morrow County

Guests Attending Remotely

Mendra Hupp, PCJFS
Nita Hanson, Etna Township
Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Jim Slates
Jake Tufts
Brent Welch, FCEO

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

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

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

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

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

Election of Officers and Executive Committee – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair

Chair Janas opened the floor for nominations; no nominations were made. Joe Antram made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee recommendations, second by Emily Keeler; motion passed.

Chair Janas congratulated the electees and thanked outgoing Executive Committee members Kim Maggard and Rory McGuiness for their many years of service on the committee.

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

Eileen Leuby welcomed guests:

- Anna Piper, Franklin County Public Health Safe Communities
- Sheila Boehner, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
- Grace Walker, Morrow County
- Joe Allen, Village of South Bloomfield

Ms. Leuby welcomed new Commission representatives:

- Mayor Tom Ramsay, Village of South Bloomfield
- Mayor Jeff Hall, City of Newark
- Mark Mauter, City of Newark
- Nick Shultz, City of Newark

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

William Murdock congratulated those elected and re-elected to the Executive Committee and thanked those stepping off. Mr. Murdock and the MORPC Team appreciate the Executive Committee and what they do for the organization.

Mr. Murdock gave a recap of the State of the Region and thanked MORPC Team Members Níel Jurist and Amanda McEldowney for their lead. Almost 1,000 attended the event which included U.S. DOT Deputy Director Charles Small, a Drive Ohio panel, award winners, and results of the American Population Panel survey. A [recording of the event](#) is available on MORPC's YouTube channel. The date for next year's State of the Region is March 15, 2024.

MORPC is updating our communications strategy for post commission updates. The Member Newsletter now includes the information.

Mr. Murdock thanked those who attended the distracted driving event featuring Michelle May held just before the Commission meeting. Over 1,000 people were seriously injured or killed last year on our roads and distracted driving is part of that. MORPC is advocating for tightening the new distracted driving law and making certain the new law is known. We are planning a safety forum.

One thing we learned from the American Population Panel survey is that we need to work to educate the community about and find locations for electric vehicles (EVs). There is a major shift in the private sector to move to EVs. MORPC is working on this through a war room effort going after a major grant. We are also seeking outside help. Resolution 02-23 on the consent agenda gives us authority to get that help.

MORPC was part of two major passenger rail applications turned into the Federal Railroad Administration last Monday. The routes are the 3C+D (Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton) and the Midwest Connect (Chicago to Pittsburgh through Columbus). We will find out in September if the applications are moving forward. Mr. Murdock thanked those who supplied letters of support.

The Regional Housing Coalition Advocacy & Partnerships Task Force kicked off last week. MORPC is leading the Task Force whose role is to take the Regional Housing Strategy and move it into action.

Upcoming Events:

- Rural Forum One: Mobility – Wednesday, April 26, 10 a.m., Fairfield County Workforce Center
- Central Regional Area Update Breakfast – Tuesday, May 18, 9 a.m., Linden Community Center

Mr. Murdock congratulated Maria Schaper for being named to this year's Columbus Business First 40 Under 40 Class. Other 40 Under 40 Class members include Dave Meadows, City of Hilliard and Rob Dorans, City of Columbus.

Proposed Resolution 03-23: “Accepting the City of Newark as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
Ben Stahler made a motion to approve Resolution 03-23, a second was made; motion carried.

Proposed Resolution 04-23: “Accepting the Village of South Bloomfield as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
Franklin Christman made a motion to approve Resolution 04-23, second by Kim Maggard; motion carried.

Committees

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization – Nick Gill, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director

Nick Gill reported the seven Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) county subcommittees met over the last few months. The meetings focused on the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Both CORPO area projects submitted to the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) were funded. The projects are preliminary engineering design for the US 23 and 762 interchange and the SR 13 right-of-way relocation to Mount Vernon.

MORPC, on behalf of CORPO, submitted a request for and received funding for a safety action plan from the Safe Streets for All program. The action plan makes all CORPO communities eligible for implementation funds in future rounds of the program.

The CORPO Transportation Plan is being updated. Team Members are gathering key data.

The next CORPO meeting is May 1 and includes three action items:

- Adopt 2024-2027 TIP
- Adopt annual Planning Work Program (PWP)
- Approve update to policies for CORPO dedicated funds

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government and Community Relations

Joe Garrity presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). Mr. Garrity thanked members for the letters of support provided for MORPC’s advocacy efforts over the last few months. The RTPO funding nearly doubled in the State Transportation Budget. Mr. Garrity thanked Mayors Scheffler and Starr and Greg Lestini for their efforts. Distracted driving became a primary offense. MORPC is working with the bill sponsors for more clarity on enforcement. The law went into effect the first of April and will be enforced starting October 4. The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is May 16 with a presentation from Zach Woodruff and an update from Leader Alison Russo.

- **Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations**
Joe Garrity and Steve Tugend gave the legislative update highlighting the following:
 - Member Newsletter includes monthly legislative updates
 - Thank you for over 100 letters of support for passenger rail
 - Money Mondays

- Public Policy Agenda advocacy at the Statehouse
- HB 33 – State Operating Budget
- HB 1 – Tax Reform
- HB 64 – Imminent Domain
- Central Ohio Defense Group

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

Ben Kessler presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). Congratulations to the City of Columbus for receiving the Gold SolSmart designation.

MORPC submitted a comment letter to the U.S. EPA regarding strengthening of the PM2.5 particulate matter standards.

Team Members are investigating the methodology of IQAir's report naming Columbus as the most polluted major city in the country. The region is meeting federal air quality standards and hasn't exceeded the PM2.5 standard over the last 12 years. Given the relatively low level of industry emissions and traffic congestion compared to other larger metros, the lack of large-scale wildfires which have severe impacts, and the likely inconsistency in data collection across the nation, it is unlikely that Columbus is the most polluted city in the United States.

MORPC is collaborating with members and partners to apply for funding from the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary grant and the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. The CFI grant supports publicly accessible EV charging stations and charging along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors focused on the highway system. The application deadline is May 30. Contact Brian Filiatraut if interested.

Phase 1 of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program focuses on planning grants. MORPC is co-leading with the City of Columbus and Ohio EPA, on a regional approach to conduct a regional greenhouse emissions inventory, develop goals and strategies, and position the region for Phase 2. Phase 2 is the implementation. You must be included in Phase 1 to apply for competitive grants in Phase 2.

The Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) is an opportunity for local governments to fund planning, energy audits, energy efficiency and more. Formula funding is available for eligible local governments (14 Central Ohio communities are eligible). The pre-award information sheet is due April 28. The full application is due January 31, 2024. Competitive funds are available for those not included in the formula funding (small-medium sized communities). Concept papers are due June 5 and full applications are due August 7.

Upcoming Events:

- Earth Day and Celebrate Trails Day – April 22
Air Quality Awareness Week – May 1-5.
Contact Brandi Whetstone if your community would like to plan or host an event or consider a proclamation recognizing Air Quality Awareness Week.

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is April 19 at the Westerville Electric Division.

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

Chair Janas called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:19 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Nancy White made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Bill LaFayette, Greg Lestini abstained; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Michelle Crandall, Secretary

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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.

Erik J. Janas, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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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

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^ 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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61013-3000 \$485,000 * \$60,000 remaining	Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning (SFY 2023) 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
61014-3000 \$480,000	Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the major requirement of the MPO, including coordinating all Transportation Plan-related activities. This includes any follow-up to the completed 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and completion of the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to be adopted in 2024. This activity is also to coordinate with state and local agencies on transportation studies and plans. Specific activities this year are listed below. <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
61024-0400 \$135,000	Transportation Public Involvement Public involvement and outreach are vital components of the transportation planning process. These activities maintain the public involvement process for transportation consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), federal regulations, and local needs. Efforts continue to seek the involvement of low-income and minority populations, handicapped, and elderly in the transportation planning process, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Active Transportation Plan, FTA's Section 5310, FTA's Section 5307, and other transportation-related studies. The Public Participation Plan supports the activities of the Community Advisory Committee and provides updates on transportation planning activities through in-person and virtual presentations, the web, electronic newsletters, social media, and other public involvement and outreach activities. <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
61034-1000 \$425,000	Regional Strategic Initiatives Transportation is interrelated with land use, housing, air quality, energy, environmental sustainability, and quality of life. This work element is to ensure MORPC is leading the region in studying, identifying, and communicating best practices, as well as developing plans, tools, and programming to address these issues and advance regional goals in these areas. This work element includes connecting people to green space and our natural resources. Specific activities this year are listed below. <u>Products/Activities</u> insight2050 Resource Updates and Outreach Planning for Housing Regional Trail Planning

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^ **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

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^ 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

66513-1000	Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy
\$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
66522-3000	LinkUS Regional Corridors Planning
\$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
66534-3000	Growth and Major Economic Development Planning
\$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
66544-0400	Paving The Way
\$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

66564-3000 \$400,000 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit	Supplemental Planning This work element supplements the formula-funded program and includes research and planning efforts that are required to fulfill MPO planning and project implementation responsibilities. The activity includes elements that supplement project delivery, data collection and data management, Interregional Connections, long-range studies, and sustainability. Specific activities this year are listed below. <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
66574-1000 \$275,000 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit	Technical Assistance Program The purpose of this work element is to provide technical planning assistance to support individual communities with effective integration of key strategies identified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) into local planning and programming. Services will be provided for specific planning activities related to active transportation, trail planning, transportation safety, and transit- supportive land use planning. <u>Products/Activities</u> Planning Assistance
67413-3000 \$169,079 * \$149,079 remaining 100% FTA 5310 Administration 10% of Apportionment	5310 Designated Recipient-2023 This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients. <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
67414-3000 \$169,079 ^ 100% FTA 5310 Administration 10% of Apportionment	5310 Designated Recipient-2024 This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for each federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients. <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
67423-3000 \$130,000 * \$115,000 remaining 80% FTA 5310, 20% local	Mobility Management 2023 This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services, and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. <u>Products/Activities</u> Engagement Increase capacity Information coordination State and local coordination

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^ **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

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III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

Total Budget \$1,325,000

WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BUDGET

66714-3000	Transportation Services (Ridesharing)
\$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
66734-1000	Air Quality Awareness
\$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

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

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget \$0

WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BUDGET

66505-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing Local Planning

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

Products/Activities

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

67401-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing COTA Activities

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

Products/Activities

COTA's planning process

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

Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP)

Service change planning

COTA safety and asset management plans

67402-3000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing DCT Activities

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

Products/Activities

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

Implement recommendations from DCT's Interim SRTP

DCT safety and asset management plans

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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2024

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 & Local Agencies</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Budget:

Total Work Element \$50,000 \$40,000 FHWA, \$5,000 ODOT, \$5,000 MORPC
 PID#: 118375

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.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
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