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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

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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

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