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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, February 5, 2026
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Ben Kessler, Chair

2. **Consent Agenda**
   - **Approval of December 4, 2025 minutes**

3. **Executive Director's Report** – William Murdock, Executive Director

4. **Quarterly Financial Statements** – Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer

William Murdock, AICP *Executive Director*
Chris Amorose Groomes *Chair*
Ben Kessler *Vice Chair*
Laurie Jadwin *Secretary*

5. **Committee Updates**
   - **Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer
   - **Regional Sustainability Roundtable** – Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer
   - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, Chief Strategy Officer & Senior Director of External Relations

6. **Proposed Resolution 01-26**: **"Accepting Norwich Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"** – William Murdock, Executive Director

7. **Proposed Resolution 03-26**: **"Accepting Hamilton Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"** – William Murdock, Executive Director

8. **Proposed Resolution 02-26**: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation to execute the FY25 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Award"** - Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer

9. **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer

10. **Draft Commission Agenda**

11. **Other Business**

PLEASE NOTIFY SHARI SAUNDERS AT 614-233-4169 OR ssaunders@morpc.org IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.

The next Executive Committee Meeting is
Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 4, 2025
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Board Room

Members Present

LaGrieta Acheampong
Chris Amorose Groomes
Jeff Fix
Laurie Jadwin
James Jewell
Ben Kessler
Kris Long
Haley Lupton
Steve Schoeny
Kelly Scocco
Matt Starr
Joe Stefanov

MORPC Staff Present

Parag Agrawal
Steve Armstrong
Matika Fields
Joe Garrity
Ralonda Hampton
Shawn Hufstedler
Jessica Kuenzli
Eileen Leuby
Kelsey Matson
William Murdock
Shari Saunders
Robert Williams

Guests Present

Ryan Higginbotham, OSU Student
Harrison McGuire, OSU Student
Robert Mesaros, OSU Student
Danny Tran, OSU Student

Welcome – Ben Kessler

Chair Ben Kessler called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock

William Murdock presented the Executive Director's Report. MORPC's collaboration with the City of Columbus on the transition of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) to a new Regional Council of Governments is nearly complete. Columbus approved all requirements for the transition, which takes effect January 1. This is a significant change for an organization with 400 employees serving eight counties and providing vital services for older adults. Six of eight counties are already engaged, with meetings scheduled to bring all counties to the table. Mr. Murdock and Joe Garrity are grateful for the regional leadership and support.

Next week marks a major milestone in establishing the Central Ohio Economic Development District, with the first governing board meeting taking place during the Commission session, similar to MPO board meetings.

Mr. Murdock invited Commissioner Jeff Fix to give an update on the Regional Housing Coalition. Earlier this week, Commissioner Fix met with Mayor Ginther, Jason Hall, and others from the Columbus Partnership to start forming a steering committee. The committee will include a diverse mix of voices from local governments, businesses, and nonprofits, with recruitment underway and the first meeting targeted for January. They are also looking at ways to involve the whole region. The Columbus Partnership engaged Ann Aquillo to lead the initiative. Commissioner Fix is optimistic that recent developments signal growing momentum and commitment to tackling regional housing issues.

Mr. Murdock announced the 2026 State of the Region is March 20. The Executive Committee votes on award winners. Ballots will be emailed within the next month. Winners will be notified in advance to ensure there are no surprises at the event.

Mr. Murdock presented a comprehensive restructuring of the 2026 Executive Committee and Commission meeting schedules, reducing the meetings from ten to eight per year. The schedule follows a predictable quarterly flow: the first month of each quarter will have no meetings, followed by two months with meetings. Additionally, instead of hosting all updates at MORPC, we will group quadrant meetings in April and October to bring MORPC out into the region. Events are now grouped into four categories: signature events (like State of the Region and the Sustainability Summit), regional forums, trainings, and community engagements. Each category has consistent standards for things like sponsor packages and communications. To make planning easier, members will receive a quarterly one-page overview of major events, trainings, and forums. We also added placeholders for potential new events so the calendar remains intentional and avoids last-minute additions, reducing stress for both members and staff.

Mr. Murdock announced the Strategic Framework that serves as our guiding document has been updated to align with current needs and ensure compliance with new federal requirements. The framework remains central to how we operate, informing priorities like the budget and organizational values. Hard copies are available.

Mr. Murdock shared highlights from this month's MORPC By the Numbers:

- 5 media hits (MORPC in the News – November 2025)
- 6 Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging County Members
- $1.7 million in grants
- 2,239 responses to the Leaders Listen Survey
- 1 new Home Repair Program proposal

Mr. Murdock gave an update on the Advance Fund. MORPC is in a strong position to establish the fund. The initial funding mechanism was reviewed and approved by the Community Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and MPO Funds Committee this week. This step only covers seeding the fund; policies will follow later with input from a consultant and partners like ODOT and COTA. We remain on track to launch the fund in 2026, aligning with key upcoming projects.

Mr. Murdock and Robert Williams provided an update on MORPC's weatherization and residential services programs which continue to make a major impact, helping hundreds of families across Franklin County stay warm during the winter. Financially, we expect to break even this year—our best performance in many years—thanks to significant process improvements and strong client engagement. Two exciting developments are underway: launching the Google Grid grant this month, which expands eligibility to households at 80% of median income, and a proposal to the City of Columbus for a $475,000 home repair program, including tree removal and replanting. These efforts, along with ongoing work to raise income guidelines, will allow us to serve more families and strengthen program sustainability.

Proposed Resolution 22-25: "Accepting the Village of Centerburg as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission" – William Murdock
Resolution 22-25 was approved by unanimous consent.

Benefits & Compensation Working Group – Joe Stefanov
Joe Stefanov reported that the Benefits and Compensation Working Group, composed of HR professionals from member organizations, recommended a salary increase range for 2026 after reviewing market data and inflation trends.

- **Proposed Resolution EC-08-25: "Setting compensation guidelines and limits for the 2026 compensation year" – Shawn Hufstedler**
  Shawn Hufstedler explained that annual salary surveys indicated member organizations projected increases in the three to five percent range, leading to the proposal of a 3.5 percent across-the-board increase for permanent employees as of September 30.

  Resolution EC-08-25 was approved by unanimous consent.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joseph Garrity
Joe Garrity shared that the November 18 Regional Policy Roundtable meeting featured an update from the Mid-Ohio Food Collective and leadership transitions, with Mayor Sloan Spaulding becoming chair and Mayor Michael Bivens as vice chair. Mayor Bivens will lead the Public Policy Agenda Working Group in 2026.

Key updates included monitoring House Bill 445 on MPO regulations, with consultant Mike Hartley assisting, and ongoing efforts to broaden regional participation in the state capital budget process.

The bipartisan infrastructure law expires in September 2026 with advocacy underway to maintain funding levels. The House Transportation Committee chair stated that vehicle miles traveled will not be considered for Highway Trust Fund contributions.

The Central Ohio Defense Group is focusing on the Defense Capital Improvement Program, with plans to reapply for funding for Whitehall's water and sewer project after an unsuccessful previous cycle.

Mr. Garrity announced the upcoming podcast featuring Mayor Starr.

Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board – Parag Agrawal
Parag Agrawal reported on two action items for the MPO Board Meeting. At next week's meeting, members will vote on amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Planning Work Program for FY 2026–2027. MORPC receives about $50 million annually in federal funds, but delays have led to a $30 million carry-forward balance. ODOT requires MPOs to reduce carry-forward funds to 25 percent of annual allocation (about $12.5 million). MORPC proposes three strategies:

1. Allocate $6 million for Advance Fund projects.
2. Expand technical assistance and planning programs, including active transportation and air quality monitoring ($1.8 million).
3. Repay $10.4 million on a State Infrastructure Bank loan for the I-270/US-33 interchange, saving $1.2 million annually.

These actions total $18 million, keeping MORPC within ODOT's threshold while preserving funding for delayed projects. The strategies will not remove funding from any already programmed or delayed projects.

Passenger rail planning has advanced to Stage 2 of the Corridor ID program for both the Midwest Connect and 3C+D projects, thanks to local support and matching funds. Each project is expected to receive up to $2 million for this phase, which will define train frequency, station locations, and cost estimates over a 12-month process starting early next year. Additionally, MORPC is preparing a $5 million application for the Federal-State Partnership Intercity Grant. The grant deadline is February 6. The Passenger Rail Committee will discuss next steps at the December 18 meeting.

Central Ohio Economic Development District Board – Parag Agrawal
Parag Agrawal previewed the first meeting of the Central Ohio Economic Development District (EDD) Board. The EDD Board is required by EDA and consists of 11 county members. It is tasked with implementing a comprehensive economic development strategy, supported by an advisory Committee. The inaugural meeting includes approval of bylaws and a presentation on competitive advantage projects. The EDD Board will host an economic development showcase featuring 50-55 economic development projects from 11 cities and towns in the region following the Commission meeting.

Regional Sustainability Roundtable – Jessica Kuenzli
Jessica Kuenzli provided a progress report on the $2 million EVC RAA grant from Federal Highway for EV charger repair and replacement, which was briefly delayed due to updated Federal Highway terms but is now awaiting final approval for an extension through April 2026. Work continues with Heartland in the meantime.

MORPC partnered with Sustainable Columbus and others on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program, successfully submitting the region's first comprehensive Central Ohio Climate Action Plan ahead of the revised June 1, 2026 deadline. Approval from the U.S. EPA is pending. Sustainable Columbus will lead the progress report due in 2027.

The Regional Sustainability Roundtable's final 2025 meeting is December 17, marking Mayor Kessler's last session as chair; Mayor Jadwin and Joe Lombardi will assume chair and vice chair roles in 2026.

Ms. Kuenzli announced that next week's Commission meeting will feature a presentation on the Central Ohio Greenways program and the upcoming Trail Towns cohort.

Proposed Resolution 24-25: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to administer the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026" – Jessica Kuenzli
Jessica Kuenzli provided an update on the Housing Advisory Board. As of 2025, two projects remain under the board's oversight, with one expected to conclude in 2026.

Resolution 24-25 was approved by unanimous consent.

Proposed Resolution 23-25: "Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2026" – William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler
William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler presented the 2026 Budget. The budget is designed to address federal and state shifts, regional growth, and evolving needs in housing and water. It supports major initiatives such as transportation, economic development, and public service investments, aligning with the organization's strategic framework.

Federal funding constitutes 71 percent of the budget, with local and member funding at 14 percent. Salaries and benefits account for 39 percent of expenditures, while subcontractors and services each represent over $8 million. The budget maintains a level combined fringe and indirect rate year over year.

The reserve policy targets 60 days of funding, but meeting this target is increasingly challenging due to reimbursement delays from funders. The committee discussed the need to explore options for increasing reserves. Members raised concerns about the possible elimination of property taxes and its

effect on member dues and organizational revenue, noting that reductions in local government funding could lead to decreased membership and budget adjustments.

Resolution 23-25 was approved by unanimous consent.

Draft Commission Agenda
The Executive Committee reviewed the draft December 11, 2025 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Executive Session
Kris Long made a motion for the Executive Committee to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Section 121.22 (G) (1): To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing; second by Laurie Jadwin. A roll call vote was conducted with all attending committee members in favor. Executive Session began at 2:56 p.m. and concluded at 3:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Laurie Jadwin, Secretary
Executive Committee

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Memorandum

TO:	William Murdock, Executive Director Executive Committee
FROM:	Shawn Hufstedler Chief Operating Officer
DATE:	January 29, 2026
SUBJECT:	Financial Report – December 2025

Summary

As of December 31, 2025, the operating reserve (investment and cash accounts) was $2,541,749. Expenses totaled $19,481,911 or 81% of the year's total budgeted expenses of $24,503,953. A net loss from all operations was recorded year-to-date as of December 31, 2025 as expected, with a partial offset resulting from programmatic gains. The actual fringe and indirect rate variances were unfavorable, with the shortfall to be incorporated into the 2027 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for recapture.

Note that these financial statements are not final. Final year-end adjustments have not yet been posted.

Budget vs. Expenses

Expenses through the quarter ending December 31, 2025, totaled $19,841,911 or 81% of the year's total revised budgeted expenses of $24,503,953.

From a programmatic perspective (Expenses by Program Area), expenses differed from the budget for the following notable reasons:

- Under-spending of $1,250,564 in Transportation programs is primarily attributable to lower-than-anticipated expenditures. MORPC administers subgrants under the 5310 Enhanced Mobility Programs for Seniors and People with Disabilities program to support vehicle acquisitions and other eligible expenses. These disbursements can vary

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significantly, and many vehicle purchases have been delayed due to ongoing market supply constraints. The remaining variance is largely attributable to several projects experiencing delays or reduced activity due to personnel vacancies during portions of the year, resulting in lower-than-expected expenditures across multiple initiatives.

- Under-spending of $977,059 in Planning and Sustainability. The primary driver of this variance was an executive order that temporarily paused the use of certain federal funding sources. This pause included a hold on the Electric Vehicle Charging Reliability Accessibility Accelerator Program (EVCRAA), which directly impacted the project timeline and associated expenditures. Due to the funding pause, the EVC RAA project experienced a delayed start compared to the original schedule. As a result, project activities and related costs were deferred, and the final work for the project has been shifted into calendar year 2026.

- Under-spending of $1,183,491 in Weatherization programs was driven by limited client availability across State and Columbia Gas Warm Choice programs, along with delayed HWAP budget approvals that slowed program start-up.

- Over-spending of $265,878 occurred in the Housing category due to the HUD Healthy Homes Program being implemented at an accelerated pace beyond original projections. Additionally, MORPC utilized a portion of the second Westerville Home Repair Program earlier than planned, contributing to the timing-related expenditure variance.

- The Other category is underspent by $867,283. The budget shows the operating reserve replenishment, which is not represented as an actual expense. Additionally, indirect and fringe variance recapture from prior years is shown on this line for the budget, with the actual costs recaptured shown in the program line items above.

MORPC also budgeted for potential programs/projects that have not been funded at this time (and for which there have not been any expenses). Potential programs that come to fruition will show the actual costs in the appropriate category above.

Operating Cash/Reserve

MORPC's operating reserve consists of operating cash and investment accounts. As of December 31, 2025, the cash account held $714,072 while the investment account had a balance of $1,827,677, totaling $2,541,749. The investment account is held in STAROhio.

Combining both the operating cash and investment accounts equated to $2,541,749, or 38 days of budgeted expenses, which is less than the 60-day target identified in the Operating Reserve Policy. Overall, the actual number of days of budget expenses continues to be below the target, primarily as a result of an increase in reimbursement-based grants, combined with a larger overall budget, along with the continued delay in collections of certain receivables, primarily from federal funding sources.

Operating Income (Change in Net Position)

There was a decrease in net position (loss from operations) for the year-to-date through December 31, 2025. The decrease was ($639,050). The decrease was primarily the result of revenue recognized in prior years with expenses occurring in the current year, as expected:

- A ($641,450) net loss year-to-date for programs funded by COTA in lieu of COVID and NTD (National Transit Database) funding, and TID (Transportation Improvement District) funding. As expected, this operating loss is due to revenue recognized in prior years and expenses occurring in the current year.
- A ($161,441) net loss year-to-date for depreciation related to leasehold improvements as expected.

The losses were partially offset by gains totaling $184,414, notably including gains in the following areas:

- Investment Income gain of $89,494
- Columbia Gas gain of $76,159
  The Columbia Gas gain is partially due to one-time revenue available from the ASHRAE fan installation process. Additionally, the change in the overall weatherization measure installation pricing in 2025 has contributed to making this program more financially sustainable.

Member Dues

Member dues revenue was $1,609,318 for the year-to-date ending December 31, 2025. Use of member dues was under budget by $57,442. The use of all current year member dues was as follows:

Use of Member Dues	Budget	Actual	Variance (Over)/Under
Services to Members	$900,892	$873,412	$27,480
Local Matching Funds/Reserve	$426,225	$409,583	$16,642
Development Fund	$76,675	$81,819	($5,144)
Building Lease	$187,599	$187,599	$0
Other	$75,369	$56,905	$18,464
Total	**$1,666,760**	**$1,609,318**	**$57,442**

Fringe Benefit and Indirect (Overhead) Variances

Fringe Benefits
The actual fringe benefit cost rate for the year-to-date is 62.96%, which is more than the budgeted rate of 59.00%, creating an unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of $173,331.

Indirect (Overhead)
The actual indirect cost variance for the year-to-date is 64.66%, which is more than the budgeted rate of 61.00% resulting in an unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of $367,245. While indirect actual expenses remained significantly under budget for the year, the direct labor base was significantly lower than budgeted for the year as well, providing less indirect funding than anticipated.

The shortfall for both Fringe and Indirect to be incorporated into the 2027 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for recapture and collection in 2027.

Statement of Net Position

- On December 31, 2025, operating cash on hand was $714,072. The operating reserve investment account was $1,827,677 and the management reserve was $25,161.
- The Central Ohio Greenways Fund is administered and held by the Columbus Foundation and had a year-end balance of $49,332.
- Accounts Receivable as of December 31, 2025, totaled $2,713,295, reflecting a decrease from $3,084,020 on December 31,2024. The reduction can be attributed to more timely collection of outstanding receivables for grants from some funders. We continue to actively engage with our funders to expedite the collection of the remaining balances.
- Accounts Payable plus other current accrued liabilities as of December 31, 2025 totaled $1,249,595 compared to $2,122,741 as of December 31, 2025.

The GASB Statement 68 Pension and the GASB Statement 75 OPEB (other postemployment benefits, i.e., retiree healthcare) have a net liability of $9,717,347 and represent estimates of the Commission's proportional share of the unfunded liabilities/assets of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The Government Accounting Standards Board mandates that these amounts be shown in the financial statements, but such amounts do not represent an actual legal liability of MORPC to OPERS per State of Ohio law. Excluding the impact of GASB Statements 68 and 75, net position would be approximately $6 million greater, or a positive balance of $4,045,024.

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR-TO-DATE ENDING December 31, 2025

	Year-to-Date Revised Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Variance under / (over)
Revenues			
Transportation	$ 5,952,197	$ 4,701,633	$ 1,250,564
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	$ 1,171,320	$ 796,449	$ 374,871
Planning & Sustainability	$ 6,067,701	$ 5,090,642	$ 977,059
Weatherization	$ 4,694,094	$ 3,510,603	$ 1,183,491
Housing	$ 2,760,313	$ 3,026,191	$ (265,878)
Services to Members & Development	$ 1,247,966	$ 1,199,753	$ 48,213
Other	$ 1,744,873	$ 877,590	$ 867,283
Potential Funding	$ 865,489	$ -	$ 865,489
Total Operating Revenues	**$ 24,503,953**	**$ 19,202,861**	**$ 5,301,092**
Expenses by Program Area			
Transportation	$ 5,952,197	$ 5,145,010	$ 807,187
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	$ 1,171,320	$ 994,560	$ 176,760
Planning & Sustainability	$ 6,067,701	$ 5,090,646	$ 977,055
Weatherization	$ 4,694,094	$ 3,434,444	$ 1,259,650
Housing	$ 2,760,313	$ 3,026,191	$ (265,878)
Services to Members & Development	$ 1,247,966	$ 1,199,753	$ 48,213
Other	$ 1,744,873	$ 951,307	$ 793,566
Potential Funding	$ 865,489	$ -	$ 865,489
Total Expenses by Program Area	**$ 24,503,953**	**$ 19,841,911**	**$ 4,662,042**
Expenses by Account Category			
Salaries and Benefits	$ 11,478,908	$ 9,759,877	$ 1,719,031
Materials and Supplies	$ 183,107	$ 81,730	$ 101,377
Services, Charges, & Other	$ 5,186,918	$ 3,409,838	$ 1,777,080
Subcontracted Services	$ 6,454,245	$ 5,652,917	$ 801,328
Depreciation and Amortization	$ 1,200,775	$ 937,550	$ 263,225
Total Expenses by Account Category	**$ 24,503,953**	**$ 19,841,911**	**$ 4,662,042**
Operations income (loss)	$ -	$ (639,050)	$ 639,050
Increase (decrease) in net position	**$ -**	**$ (639,050)**	**$ 639,050**

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	Balance at 12/31/2025 excludes impact of GASB 68 & 75	GASB 68 & 75 (Pension & OPEB) 12/31/2025	Balance at 12/31/2025 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Balance at 12/31/2024 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Yearly Difference
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash	714,072		714,072	1,632,665	(918,593)
Cash-Operating Reserve (Invested)	1,827,677		1,827,677	1,749,321	78,356
Cash-Management Reserve (Invested)	25,161		25,161	20,835	4,325
Cash-Greenways Fund (Invested)	49,332		49,332	42,521	6,812
Accounts Receivable	2,713,295		2,713,295	3,084,020	(370,726)
Prepaid Expenses	267,626		267,626	162,656	104,970
Total Current Assets	5,597,163		5,597,162	6,692,018	(1,094,856)
Non-Current Assets					-
Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,182,914		1,182,914	1,290,212	(107,298)
Intangible Asset Building/Equipment Lease/IT Subscriptions Net of Accumulated Amortization	3,932,912		3,932,912	4,495,417	(562,505)
Total Non-Current Assets	5,115,826		5,115,826	5,785,629	(669,803)
Deferred Outflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	4,031,694	4,031,694	4,031,694	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	4,031,694	4,031,694	4,031,694	-
Total Assets	10,712,988	4,031,694	14,744,682	16,509,341	(1,764,659)
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	652,761		652,761	1,572,983	(920,222)
Accrued Payroll and Fringe Benefits	596,835		596,835	549,758	47,077
Unearned Revenue	592,046		592,046	432,418	159,628
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	565,079		565,079	548,566	16,513
Accrued IT Subscriptions	28,022		28,022	-	28,022
Total Current Liabilities	2,434,743		2,434,743	3,103,726	(668,983)
Non-Current					
Accrued PTO & Sick Leave	665,332		665,332	586,333	78,999
Other Mortgages-Deferred Income	-		-	-	-
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	3,567,889		3,567,889	4,103,514	(535,625)
Acrrued SBITA	-		-	-	-
GASB 68 & 75	-	9,717,347	9,717,347	9,717,347	-
Total Non-Current	4,233,221	9,717,347	13,950,568	14,407,195	(456,626)
Deferred Inflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	309,161	309,161	309,161	4,538,857
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	309,161	309,161	309,161	-
Total Liabilities	6,667,964	10,026,508	16,694,472	17,820,081	(1,125,609)
Net Position					
Beginning Net Position	4,684,074	(5,994,814)	(1,310,740)	(418,688)	(892,052)
Current YTD Net Income	(639,050)		(639,050)	(892,052)	253,002
Total Net Position	4,045,024	(5,994,814)	(1,949,790)	(1,310,740)	(639,050)
Total Liabilities and Net Position	10,712,988	4,031,694	14,744,682	16,509,341	(1,764,659)

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Memorandum

TO:	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Officers and Board Members
FROM:	William Murdock Executive Director
DATE:	January 30, 2026
SUBJECT:	Proposed Resolution 01-26: **"Accepting Norwich Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"**

On January 6, 2026, the Board of Trustees for Norwich Township passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts Norwich Township as a member of MORPC, effective February 12, 2026, which helps meet the desire of MORPC's membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The 2026 dues assessed for Norwich Township are $2,596.

Attachment: Resolution 01-26

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RESOLUTION 01-26

"Accepting Norwich Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"

WHEREAS, Norwich Township recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC's vision is to drive the future prosperity and sustainability of the Central Ohio Region; and

WHEREAS, Norwich Township has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

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

WHEREAS, Norwich Township will be assessed dues based on the 2025 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2026, the Norwich Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC's Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

Section 1. That Norwich Township is accepted as a member of MORPC effective February 12, 2026.

Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that one (1) representative appointed by Norwich Township is eligible to serve as a voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.

Section 3. That 2026 net dues will be assessed to Norwich Township in the amount of $2,596.

Section 4. That Norwich Township is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the Township based on standard MORPC rates.

Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 6. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date:	February 12, 2026
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	February 12, 2026

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Memorandum

TO:	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Officers and Board Members
FROM:	William Murdock Executive Director
DATE:	January 30, 2026
SUBJECT:	Proposed Resolution 03-26: **"Accepting Hamilton Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"**

On January 28, 2026, the Board of Trustees for Hamilton Township passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts Hamilton Township as a member of MORPC, effective February 12, 2026, which helps meet the desire of MORPC's membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The 2026 dues assessed for Hamilton Township are $2,866.

Attachment: Resolution 03-26

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Ben Kessler
Vice Chair

Laurie Jadwin
Secretary

RESOLUTION 03-26

"Accepting Hamilton Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"

WHEREAS, Hamilton Township recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC's vision is to drive the future prosperity and sustainability of the Central Ohio Region; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Township has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

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

WHEREAS, Hamilton Township will be assessed dues based on the 2025 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2026, the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC's Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

Section 1. That Hamilton Township is accepted as a member of MORPC effective February 12, 2026.

Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that one (1) representative appointed by Hamilton Township is eligible to serve as a voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.

Section 3. That 2026 net dues will be assessed to Hamilton Township in the amount of $2,866.

Section 4. That Hamilton Township is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the Township based on standard MORPC rates.

Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 6. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer

DATE: January 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 02-26: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation to execute the FY25 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Award"**

In January 2026, MORPC was awarded a federal discretionary Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning and demonstration project award in the amount of $4,800,000. Several local and regional partners including the Transportation Research Center and The OSU IBRC are partnering with MORPC to provide $1,200,000 in matching funds or in-kind services for the award. The activity will be included in the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2026 Planning Work Program via amendment before entering into the agreement.

Resolution 02-26 authorizes the executive director to enter into agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation to receive the funds and enter into necessary agreements with the partner organizations and agencies for their contributions. Resolution 02-26 also authorizes the executive director to enter into agreements with the partners and sub-recipients of the SS4A grant to conduct the project.

Attachment: Resolution 02-26

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Secretary

RESOLUTION 02-26

"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation to execute the FY25 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Award"

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 "Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law"; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 MORPC applied for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration funding; and

WHEREAS, in January 2026 U.S. DOT announced an award of $4,800,000 in federal funds with $1,200,000 in matching funds or in-kind services for the award provided by MORPC and several other project partners; and

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2026 Planning Work Program (PWP) will be amended to include the FY25 SS4A planning activities before entering into the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the activities will primarily be led and completed by a multi-disciplinary team of local and regional partners, in collaboration with MORPC; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to accept funding and execute the grant agreement with the U.S. DOT for the FY25 SS4A funding award.

Section 2. That staff is directed to prepare an amendment to the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2026 Planning Work Program (PWP) to include the FY25 SS4A planning activities.

Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to enter into any agreements with the partner organizations and agencies and with any consultants, subcontractors, or vendors necessary to undertake the activities in connection with the FY25 SS4A funding award.

Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the FY25 SS4A funding award.

Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.

Section 6. 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 7. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date:	February 12, 2026
Submitted by:	Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer, Mobility & Development
Prepared by:	Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director, Mobility & Development
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
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MORPC IN THE NEWS

December 2025 and January 2026

TRANSPORTATION

1. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
   It's Been A Year Since Voters Approved LinkUS. What's Been Accomplished So Far?
   It has been a year since central Ohio voters approved a sales tax levy to fund LinkUS, a collaborative plan to bolster the region's transportation with new bus rapid transit corridors, funding for infrastructure and expanded public transit options. (12/1/25)

2. **BUSINESS FIRST OF COLUMBUS**
   From Broad Concepts To Detailed Service Development: What's Ahead for Amtrak in Central Ohio in 2026
   After years of setbacks, studies and positioning, Amtrak's potential return to Central Ohio is staring down its most consequential planning phase yet. In 2026, proposals will move beyond broad corridor concepts into detailed service development, according to leaders who spoke with *Columbus Business First.* (12/29/25)

CLEAN OHIO COUNCIL

3. **WOSU PUBLIC MEDIA**
   Natural Resources Assistance Councils Announce Nearly $3 Million In Grants for Area Counties
   The Natural Resources Assistance Councils (NRAC) of Districts 3 and 17 have announced the release of more than $2.96 million in grants for seven conservation projects across several central Ohio counties through the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. (12/3/25)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
   Highlights About Some Developments Planned Around the Columbus Area
   Representatives from cities around the Columbus metropolitan area gathered at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission headquarters on Dec. 11 to discuss and display ongoing and future developments. (12/12/25)

MORPC NEWS

5. **CIRCLEVILLE HERALD**
   MORPC'S Joseph Garrity Promoted to Chief Strategy Officer
   Joseph Garrity, currently the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations, has been named the organization's Chief Strategy Officer & Senior Director of External Relations. The promotion is effective January 1, 2026, MORPC Executive Director William Murdock said. (12/23/25)

HOUSING

6. **COLUMBUS MONTHLY**
   As Housing Crisis Grows, Habitat for Humanity Is Building Multifamily
   Merriam-Webster defines crisis as "an unstable or crucial time or state of affairs in which a decisive change is impending; a situation that has reached a critical phase." The definition feels apt to describe housing in the Columbus region as adeptly outlined in housing studies and plans by the City of Columbus, the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, the Building Industry Association of Central Ohio and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. (1/6/26)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

7. **KNOX PAGES**
   Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Launches Economic Development Program For Local Governments
   The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is launching a new service for local governments that will provide them the support and expertise needed to identify, access, and acquire resources to advance their economic development efforts. (1/6/26)

8. **LOGAN DAILY NEWS**
   Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Launches Economic Development Program For Governments
   The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is launching a new service for local governments that will provide them the support and expertise needed to identify, access, and acquire resources to advance their economic development efforts. (1/6/26)

TRANSPORTATION

9. **LANCASTER EAGLE GAZETTE**
   MORPC Seeks Input On Funding and Street Design Policies
   The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is seeking public input on two key transportation policies that guide how federal funds are allocated and how local streets are designed. Draft updates to the Policies for Managing MORPC MPO Funding and the MORPC Complete Streets Policy are available for review and comment through Feb. 10, according to a community announcement. (1/15/26)

10. **KNOX PAGES**
    MORPC & CORPO Enhance Safety Through $4.8 Million In Federal Funding
    The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) will be awarded $4.8 million in federal funds for the proposed Coalition for Integrated Road User Safety (CIRUS) planning initiative. (1/16/26)

11. **MORROW COUNTY SENTINEL**
    MORPC, CORPO To Enhance Roadway Safety Through Federal Funds
    The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) will be awarded $4.8 million in federal funds for the proposed Coalition for Integrated Road User Safety (CIRUS) planning initiative. (1/21/26)

12. **CIRCLEVILLE HERALD**
    MORPC and CORPO Enhance Roadway Safety Through $4.8 Million In Federal Funding
    The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) will be awarded $4.8 million in federal funds for the proposed Coalition for Integrated Road User Safety (CIRUS) planning initiative. (1/21/26)

13. **LANCASTER EAGLE-GAZETTE**

Federal Government Awards $4.8 Million for Central Ohio Road Safety Plan

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) will receive $4.8 million in federal funds for the proposed Coalition for Integrated Road User Safety (CIRUS) planning initiative. (1/26/26)

MORPC NEWS

14. **COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND**

Confluence Cast: Where Data Meets Decision Making In Central Ohio

Most people experience regional planning only after decisions have already been made. When a new development breaks ground, a transit project is announced, or new housing pops up in our neighborhood. What's far less visible is the quiet work that happens long before those moments: the data collection, forecasting, mapping, and analysis that help a region decide what it's actually planning for. (1/26/26)