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PLANNING COMMISSION

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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, August 6, 2026
1:30 p.m.

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**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome** – Laurie Jadwin, Chair

2. **Executive Session – ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1)**
   Purpose: 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.

3. **Consent Agenda**
   - **Approval of June 4, 2026 minutes**

**William Murdock, AICP**
*Executive Director*

**Ben Kessler**
*Chair*

**Laurie Jadwin**
*Vice Chair*

**Matthew Starr**
*Secretary*

4. **Executive Director's Report** – William Murdock, Executive Director
   - **Data Center Update** – Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer

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

6. **Boards, Committees & Roundtables Updates**
   - **Reserve & Investment Subcommittee** – LaGrieta Acheampong, Chair
   - **Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer
   - **Central Ohio Economic Development District Board** - Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer
   - **Regional Data Roundtable** – Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer
     - **Proposed Resolution 12-26: "Adoption of MORPC's 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda" –** Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer
     - **Population Projections & Estimates –** Adam Porr, Associate Director of Data Analytics
   - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, Chief Strategy Officer & Senior Director of External Relations
     - **Proposed Resolution 15-26**: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with Cityfi Advisors, LLC to provide professional services for federal funding and strategic opportunities consulting services for the Central Ohio region"** – Joseph Garrity, Chief Strategy Officer & Senior Director of External Relations

7. **Proposed Resolution 13-26**: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into a contract extension with EAN Holdings, LLC, DBA Commute with Enterprise, for vanpool fleet services for the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program in an amount not to exceed $500,000"** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer

8. **Proposed Resolution 14-26**: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) for the 2026 Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program (HWAP-E) and to enter into related subcontracts"** – Robert Wililams, Senior Director of Residential Services

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, September 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
**111 Liberty Street, Suite 100**
**Columbus, Ohio 43215**

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

Date: June 4, 2026
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Board Room

**Members Present**

LaGrieta Acheampong
Jeff Benton
Jeff Fix
Laurie Jadwin
James Jewell
Ben Kessler
Kris Long
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
Alisa Obukhova
Shari Saunders
Robert Williams

**Guests Present**

Kevin Robertson, Auditor of State Office

**Welcome – Laurie Jadwin**

Chair Laurie Jadwin called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Draft Audited Financial Statements**

Shawn Hufstedler reported this is the third year the Ohio Auditor of State's (AOS) Office audited MORPC and expressed appreciation for their professionalism and dedication. Mr. Hufstedler recognized Associate Director of Accounting & Grants Management Alisa Obukhova and Finance Director Steve Armstrong for their efforts in running the process. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report reflects the contributions of every department in the agency. Mr. Hufstedler noted that the audit resulted in a clean opinion with no findings, highlighting the strength of MORPC's financial practices and internal controls. He commended agency staff for their responsiveness to auditor requests and for maintaining strong documentation throughout the year. This outcome also demonstrates the effectiveness of the Executive Committee's oversight. Mr. Hufstedler introduced Kevin Robertson who conducted the Auditor of State exit conference. The audit results cannot be presented publicly until they are finalized.

- **Executive Session**
  Jeff Fix made a motion for the Executive Committee to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of ORC Section 121.22 (D)(2) & (G)(5) for an audit conference conducted by the Auditor of State with matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes; second by Joe Stefanov. A roll call vote was conducted with all attending committee members in favor. Executive Session began at 1:37 p.m. and concluded at 1:46 p.m.

Jeff Fix made a motion to accept MORPC's 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and submit it to the GFOA in substantially the form presented today, second by LaGrieta Acehampong; the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Former MORPC Vice Chair Michelle Crandall stepped in for a moment to say hello. She is at MORPC this afternoon and tomorrow morning for the ICMA Primal Intelligence Workshop.

**Executive Director's Report – William Murdock**
William Murdock presented the Executive Director's Report and thanked the Finance and program teams for being responsible stewards. Mr. Murdock thanked Shawn Hufstedler for his consistency and professionalism.

There was strong community and leadership turnout for the MORPC Night at the Clippers where Mayor Jadwin threw the first pitch. Mayor Starr is already preparing for next year.

Joe Garrity is navigating a health issue and will be out temporarily. He has been assisting remotely but will not present today. Mr. Murdock and the Executive Committee extended well wishes for his recovery and look forward to his return.

Mr. Murdock shared that work continues in collaboration with communities of all sizes on the advance fund. Final elements of the fund are being finalized, with board action anticipated in late summer.

Regional airports are gaining attention with emerging technologies like drones and advanced air mobility. MORPC plans to convene airport and industry partners to explore opportunities and share best practices. An aviation committee will launch later this year, recognizing airports as key transportation and economic assets.

Team Members are representing MORPC at the upcoming National Association of Regional Councils conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which focuses on staff development. Jessica Kuenzli, Brandi Whetstone, and Mr. Murdock will highlight regional work through presentations on housing, Sustainable2050, and economic development.

Mr. Murdock reported that the Delaware County Communications Director trained MORPC Team Members on public speaking earlier in the week.

Mr. Murdock congratulated Steve Schoeny for leading the Central Ohio Mayor's & Managers Association (COMMA).

Mr. Murdock shared highlights from this month's MORPC By the Numbers:
- 10 media hits
- 40 summer interns in 11 different counties
- MODE awarded $250,000 in grants
- 2 OSU Capstone Sponsorships
- 0 comments for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Passenger rail efforts are ongoing, with the region awaiting a decision on the Federal-State Partnership Grant, which would support coordination with private rail and use of highway rights-of-way. Outreach to federal partners and elected officials continues, with an update expected later this month alongside ongoing work through the Corridor ID program.

Mr. Murdock provided the policy update.
- The Regional Policy Roundtable met May 20, with new participation from Mayor Matt Starr and Mayor Joe Steager. Intel's community and government affairs lead Ted Geer provided an in-depth update, highlighting strong progress on the project and plans to resume community tours later this year. The next meeting is September 1.

- Surface transportation reauthorization is approaching, with current funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law set to expire in September. The proposed "Build America 250" bill includes positive elements such as increased bridge funding for local governments and expanded planning support. However, some priorities, particularly stronger provisions for rural transportation, were not fully included. The bill remains under negotiation, with continued engagement from federal partners.
- The $3.7 billion state capital budget was introduced earlier this week and passed by the Senate, with identical bills signaling a pre-negotiated agreement. It includes $600 million for 800 projects, with $43 million supporting 137 projects in Central Ohio, many aligned with local priorities. A full project list was shared with members. The House is expected to pass the bill next week without changes.
- House Bill 445 proposes changes that could impact MPO governance and local control. Recent proponent testimony highlighted that concerns driving the bill largely stem from issues in Northeast Ohio (NOACA), not Central Ohio. While some provisions would have little effect locally, others could significantly impact MORPC. The bill remains in early stages, with potential opponent testimony forthcoming. MORPC continues coordinating with statewide partners and engaging legislators to address concerns and improve the bill. Discussions with the sponsor are scheduled. Additional outreach may be requested if the legislation advances.

Upcoming Events:

- Mobility Conference – this is MORPC's signature transportation event – Wednesday, June 17
- OARC Candidates Forum – held every four years – Friday, July 31

**Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board – Parag Agrawal**

Parag Agrawal provided the MPO Update giving a brief overview of upcoming Commission meeting items. The Commission will consider adopting the Regional Mobility Plan, required for Section 5310 funding. MORPC is supporting multiple communities this year through the Active Transportation Plan Technical Assistance Program including Whitehall, Columbus, Grove City, and Lockbourne. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) advises on transportation issues and currently has several open seats. Nominations are being accepted through the end of the month for individuals interested in serving.

The LinkUS TSI program invests about $50 million annually in sidewalks, trails, and connections to transit. The recently adopted 2027–2031 Capital Improvement Program totals approximately $260 million across 75 projects and 100 miles of improvements, including many multi-jurisdictional efforts. Eight projects are expected to begin construction this year, adding about ten miles of new infrastructure. Groundbreaking events are planned to mark these milestones, with the first scheduled for June 15 for the Hoover Road pedestrian bridge.

Kris Long congratulated Parag Agrwal for his appearance on All Sides and thanked him for his clear and accessible explanation of rail opportunities, effectively sharing this information with a broader audience.

**Regional Sustainability Roundtable – Jessica Kuenzli**

Jessica Kuenzli reported that last month's pre-commission luncheon on data centers was well attended with over 80 participants and more than 50 survey responses. Key takeaways highlighted interest in environmental impacts, community benefit agreements, and infrastructure capacity, along with a need for case studies, clear evaluation tools, and access to experts. Members also expressed strong interest in a regional readiness program, including model plans, zoning language, and ordinance templates.

Common concerns included resource use, long-term viability, public perception, and economic pressures. MORPC will use these insights to guide next steps, including internal planning and upcoming discussions with industry partners.

Ms. Kuenzli gave an update on Section 208 water planning. Since the last meeting, MORPC met with Ohio EPA leadership, who expressed receptiveness to the proposed approach. A follow-up letter outlining MORPC's structure and the proposed area-wide planning agency is in development with legal review. Outreach efforts remain on hold pending further progress, with an update expected at the next meeting.

Ms. Kuenzli provided a grant and funding update. May was a busy month as several grant programs near completion. The $2 million FHWA EV charging program concluded, while the $2 million EPA air sensor project wrapped up May 31, with plans to expand the effort through additional partnerships. The Central Ohio cycling guide update, funded by ODOT, will be completed later this month with a public rollout planned for August.

Team Members are advancing new opportunities, including a Columbus Foundation Green Fund request to support the BLOOM program, an application to enhance the Trail Towns initiative, and a $320,000 Safe Streets for All grant focused on safety planning and wayfinding.

Executive Committee Members emphasized the urgency of advancing data center resources as data center development and public concern are both accelerating, creating an urgent need for clear, centralized resources. Team Members are organizing materials on key topics and prioritizing efforts to address public perception and better communicate impacts and benefits.

Team Members are working to secure Ohio EPA approval for the 208 plan to begin the community feedback phase. This will be the appropriate opportunity for members to engage, ask questions, and help refine the structure before any decisions are finalized.

**Proposed Resolution 10-26: "Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2027" – Shawn Hufstedler**
This resolution adopts the 2027 membership fee schedule, continuing the approach of modest annual increases rather than larger periodic changes. Rates align with the previously approved five-year plan. Non-binding projections for 2028–2031 maintain similar incremental increases, with annual reviews to consider inflation and evolving member and organizational needs.

Resolution 10-26 was approved by unanimous consent.

**Proposed Resolution 11-26: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into, administer, and/or sub-allocate contracts for approximately $1.78 million from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding and additional local funding" – Parag Agrawal**
This administrative item authorizes the Executive Director to accept approximately $1.78 million annually through the Section 5310 program. While MORPC distributes these funds within the MPO area, rural communities may also access funding directly through ODOT.

Resolution 11-26 was approved by unanimous consent.

**Draft Commission Agenda**
The Executive Committee reviewed the draft June 11, 2026 Commission Meeting Agenda.

**Other Business**
William Murdock shared that there will be no opponent testimony next week for HB 445.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Matthew Starr, Secretary
**Executive Committee**

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**Memorandum**

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

**FROM:** Shawn Hufstedler
Chief Operating Officer

**DATE:** July 31, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Financial Report – June 2026

## Summary

As of June 30, 2026, the operating reserve (investment and operating cash accounts) was $2,764,759. Expenses are well within the total budgeted projections. A net loss from all operations was recorded year-to-date as of June 30, 2026, as expected, with a partial offset resulting from programmatic gains. The actual fringe and indirect rate variances were favorable.

## Budget vs. Expenses

Expenses through the quarter ending June 30, 2026, totaled $8,939,634 or 30% of the year's total budgeted expenses of $29,826,833. From a programmatic perspective (Expenses by Program Area), expenses differed from the budget for the following notable reasons:

- Under-spending of $2,207,214 in Transportation programs was primarily due to lower-than-anticipated expenditures across several initiatives, including delays in 5310 vehicle purchases caused by ongoing supply constraints and delayed startup of the first two Safe Streets for All initiatives while grant agreements with the Federal Highway Administration were finalized. Additional underspending resulted from delayed launches of other programs, including the Prioritization Process Pilot Program.

- Under-spending of $975,389 in Planning and Sustainability was primarily due to delays in 2025 due to a federal executive order and a subsequent extension delay for the Electric Vehicle Charging Reliability Accessibility Accelerator Program (EVCRAA), shifting much of the project work into 2026 and reducing the number of completed sites. Additional variances resulted from the Trail Town, Regional Strategic Initiative, and Member Assistance Support programs beginning in the third quarter but budget throughout the year.

- Under-spending of $962,135 in Weatherization programs was primarily driven by a limited client participation in both State (HWAP) and Columbia Gas Warm Choice programs. Additional marketing and partnership efforts continue to try to increase client participation.

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- The Other category is underspent by $277,301. 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 June 30, 2026, the cash account held $902,507 while the investment account had a balance of $1,862,252 totaling $2,764,759. The investment account is held in STAROhio.

Combining both the operating cash and investment accounts equated to $2,764,759, or 34 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. The operating cash and investment accounts equated to 56 days of actual expenses, based on first half actual expenses.

## Operating Income (Change in Net Position)

There was a decrease in net position (loss from operations) for the year-to-date through June 30, 2026. The decrease was ($491,988). The decrease was primarily the result of revenue recognized in prior years with expenses occurring in the current year, as expected:

- A ($375,439) 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 ($82,795) net loss year-to-date for depreciation related to leasehold improvements, as expected.
- A ($80,239) net loss year to date for Columbia Gas, which represents a gain of $18,542 for the second quarter. The loss for the year-to-date is attributable to a lower number of applicants for the Warm Choice program through the first half of the year.

The losses were partially offset by Investment Income gain of $39,729

## Member Dues

Member dues revenue was $825,039 for the year-to-date ending June 30, 2026. Use of member dues was under budget by $64,436. The use of all current-year member dues was as follows:

| Use of Member Dues | Budget | Actual | Variance (Over)/Under |
|---|---|---|---|
| Services to Members | $474,848 | $447,628 | $27,220 |
| Local Matching Funds/Reserve | $234,329 | $214,762 | $19,567 |
| Development Fund | $38,335 | $39,793 | ($1,458) |
| Building Lease | $96,218 | $96,218 | $0 |
| Other | $45,745 | $26,638 | $19,107 |
| **Total** | **$889,475** | **$825,039** | **$64,436** |

## Fringe Benefit and Indirect (Overhead) Variances

**Fringe Benefits**
The actual fringe benefit cost rate for the year-to-date is 61.39%, which is less than budgeted of 62.00%, creating a favorable variance for the year-to-date of ($14,370).

**Indirect (Overhead)**
The actual indirect cost variance for the year-to-date is 56.94%, which is less than the budgeted rate of 58.00%, resulting in a favorable variance for the year-to-date of ($48,395).

## Statement of Net Position

- On June 30, 2026, operating cash on hand was $902,507. The operating reserve investment account was $1,862,252 and the management reserve was $27,368.
- The Central Ohio Greenways Fund is administered and held by the Columbus Foundation and had a June 30, 2026 balance of $52,280.
- Accounts Receivable as of June 30, 2026 totaled $4,019,276, an increase of $461,247 from $3,558,029 as of June 30, 2025, primarily due to delays in various reimbursement-based programs. Some payments were received in early July that were expected to be received in June, while others represent a continued trend in longer reimbursement periods.
- Accounts Payable plus other current accrued liabilities as of June 30, 2026 totaled $979,078 compared to $672,588 as of June 30, 2025.

The GASB Statement 68 Pension and the GASB Statement 75 OPEB (other postemployment benefits, i.e. retiree healthcare) have a net liability of $6,032,735 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 higher, or a positive balance of $4,099,645.

# MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR-TO-DATE ENDING June 30, 2026

| | Year-to-Date Revised Budget | Year-to-Date Actual | Variance under / (over) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenues** | | | |
| Transportation | $ 5,503,451 | $ 3,063,442 | $ 2,440,008 |
| Infrastructure & Econ. Dev. | $ 459,929 | $ 304,285 | $ 155,643 |
| Planning & Sustainability | $ 2,563,967 | $ 1,588,512 | $ 975,454 |
| Weatherization | $ 2,729,372 | $ 1,686,998 | $ 1,042,374 |
| Housing | $ 810,328 | $ 854,309 | $ (43,981) |
| Services to Members & Development | $ 655,146 | $ 610,617 | $ 44,529 |
| Other | $ 653,000 | $ 339,483 | $ 313,517 |
| Potential Funding | $ 1,538,226 | $ - | $ 1,538,226 |
| **Total Operating Revenues** | **$ 14,913,417** | **$ 8,447,646** | **$ 6,465,771** |
| **Expenses by Program Area** | | | |
| Transportation | $ 5,503,451 | $ 3,296,236 | $ 2,207,214 |
| Infrastructure & Econ. Dev. | $ 459,929 | $ 446,949 | $ 12,979 |
| Planning & Sustainability | $ 2,563,967 | $ 1,588,577 | $ 975,389 |
| Weatherization | $ 2,729,372 | $ 1,767,237 | $ 962,135 |
| Housing | $ 810,328 | $ 854,320 | $ (43,992) |
| Services to Members & Development | $ 655,146 | $ 610,617 | $ 44,529 |
| Other | $ 653,000 | $ 375,698 | $ 277,301 |
| Potential Funding | $ 1,538,226 | $ - | $ 1,538,226 |
| **Total Expenses by Program Area** | **$ 14,913,417** | **$ 8,939,634** | **$ 5,973,783** |
| **Expenses by Account Category** | | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | $ 5,865,908 | $ 5,231,369 | $ 634,538 |
| Materials and Supplies | $ 91,739 | $ 91,061 | $ 678 |
| Services, Charges, & Other | $ 4,229,624 | $ 1,502,144 | $ 2,727,480 |
| Subcontracted Services | $ 4,311,067 | $ 1,667,901 | $ 2,643,166 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | $ 415,080 | $ 447,159 | $ (32,079) |
| **Total Expenses by Account Category** | **$ 14,913,417** | **$ 8,939,634** | **$ 5,973,783** |
| Operations income (loss) | $ - | $ (491,988) | $ 491,988 |
| **Increase (decrease) in net position** | **$ -** | **$ (491,988)** | **$ 491,988** |

# MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF June 30, 2026

| | Balance at 06/30/2026 excludes impact of GASB 68 & 75 | GASB 68 & 75 (Pension & OPEB) 06/30/2026 | Balance at 06/30/2026 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75 | Balance at 06/30/2025 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75 | Yearly Difference |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | | | | |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Cash | 902,507 | | 902,507 | 752,135 | 150,372 |
| Cash-Operating Reserve (Invested) | 1,862,252 | | 1,862,252 | 1,789,076 | 73,176 |
| Cash-Management Reserve (Invested) | 27,368 | | 27,368 | 22,970 | 4,398 |
| Cash-Greenways Fund (Invested) | 52,280 | | 52,280 | 42,521 | 9,759 |
| Accounts Receivable | 4,019,276 | | 4,019,276 | 3,558,029 | 461,248 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 219,684 | | 219,684 | 158,467 | 61,217 |
| Total Current Assets | 7,083,367 | | 7,083,367 | 6,323,197 | 760,171 |
| Non-Current Assets | | | | | - |
| Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation | 1,244,201 | | 1,244,201 | 1,196,042 | 48,159 |
| Fixed Assets | 2,544,758 | | 2,544,758 | 2,296,595 | 248,163 |
| Contributed Assets | 229,492 | | 229,492 | 229,492 | - |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (1,530,049) | | (1,530,049) | (1,330,045) | (200,004) |
| Intangible Asset Building/Equipment Lease/IT Subscriptions Net of Accumulated Amortization | 3,627,661 | | 3,627,661 | 4,238,161 | (610,501) |
| Intangible Asset Building Lease | 6,080,934 | | 6,080,934 | 6,080,934 | - |
| Intangible Asset Equipment Lease | 98,290 | | 98,290 | 98,290 | - |
| Intangible Asset SBITA | 344,507 | | 344,507 | 344,507 | - |
| Accumulated Amortization Building Lease | (2,525,919) | | (2,525,919) | (1,964,607) | (561,312) |
| Accumulated Amortization Equipment Lease | (80,527) | | (80,527) | (59,971) | (20,556) |
| Accumulated Amortization SBITA | (289,625) | | (289,625) | (260,992) | (28,632) |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 4,871,862 | | 4,871,862 | 5,434,203 | (562,341) |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75 | - | 2,329,195 | 2,329,195 | 4,031,694 | (1,702,499) |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | - | 2,329,195 | 2,329,195 | 4,031,694 | (1,702,499) |
| **Total Assets** | 11,955,231 | 2,329,195 | 14,284,424 | 15,789,095 | (1,504,672) |
| | | | | | |
| **Liabilities** | | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 379,491 | | 379,491 | 185,699 | 193,792 |
| Accrued Payroll and Fringe Benefits | 599,588 | | 599,588 | 486,889 | 112,698 |
| Unearned Revenue | 1,295,262 | | 1,295,262 | 1,831,061 | (535,799) |
| Accrued Building/Equipment Lease | 283,528 | | 283,528 | 276,666 | 6,862 |
| FC Temporary Cash Advance | 1,000,000 | | 1,000,000 | - | 1,000,000 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 3,557,869 | | 3,557,869 | 2,780,316 | 777,553 |
| Non-Current | | | | | |
| Accrued PTO & Sick Leave | 729,826 | | 729,826 | 617,230 | 112,596 |
| Accrued Building/Equipment Lease | 3,538,433 | | 3,538,433 | 4,160,992 | (622,559) |
| Acrrued SBITA | 29,456 | | 29,456 | - | 29,456 |
| GASB 68 & 75 | - | 7,787,162 | 7,787,162 | 9,717,347 | (1,930,185) |
| Total Non-Current | 4,297,715 | 7,787,162 | 12,084,877 | 14,495,569 | (2,410,692) |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75 | - | 574,768 | 574,768 | 309,161 | 265,607 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | - | 574,768 | 574,768 | 309,161 | 265,607 |
| **Total Liabilities** | 7,855,585 | 8,361,930 | 16,217,515 | 17,585,046 | (1,367,531) |
| | | | | | |
| Net Position | | | | | |
| Beginning Net Position | 4,591,633 | (6,032,735) | (1,441,102) | (1,310,740) | (130,362) |
| Current YTD Net Income | (491,988) | | (491,988) | (485,212) | (6,776) |
| Total Net Position | 4,099,645 | (6,032,735) | (1,933,090) | (1,795,951) | (137,139) |
| **Total Liabilities and Net Position** | 11,955,229 | 2,329,195 | 14,284,424 | 15,789,095 | (1,504,672) |

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**Memorandum**

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

**FROM:** Dave Dixon, Director of Data Analytics & Strategy
Planning

**DATE:** July 31, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 12-26: **"Adoption of MORPC's 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda"**

This resolution formally adopts the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda. The Regional Data Roundtable (RDR) collaborated to create an impact-oriented and focused agenda leveraging MORPC, RDR, and partner strengths. It comprises 4 focus areas, 4 action pillars, and 16 activities that advance the use of data to further the interests of MORPC members and other stakeholders in the Central Ohio region.

The Regional Data Roundtable reviewed and approved the final 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda at its July 14, 2026 meeting.

The 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda serves as a framework for MORPC staff, RDR, and working groups to guide future data-related projects and initiatives. The Regional Data Agenda identifies the actions best suited to positively impact operations, program design and service delivery over the next few years.

The RDR agreed to a three-year timeframe for the Regional Data Agenda to ensure that the action pillars and activities still remain highly relevant, while still allowing enough time to make tangible progress on complex and challenging work. Prioritization of work within the existing agenda will be reviewed and updated on a continual basis. However, at the end of the three-year timeframe, the full agenda will be updated as necessary.

Attachment: Resolution 12-26

William Murdock, AICP
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Matthew Starr
*Secretary*

RESOLUTION 12-26

**“Adoption of MORPC’s 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda”**

WHEREAS, members of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the Regional Data Roundtable collaborated to create a robust and well-defined 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda was adopted by MORPC on August 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Data Agenda was in need of update and revision to support MORPC’s ongoing vision of a diverse community of local governments and stakeholders collaborating on data-related practices, opportunities, and tools to support regional growth and vitality in the Central Ohio region; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda now provides a framework for new focus areas, action pillars and activities that guide MORPC’s Regional Data Roundtable, members, partners, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Focus Areas are “Transportation & Mobility, Housing & Community Development, Energy & Sustainability, and Infrastructure & Ecoomic Development,”; and

WHEREAS, Action Pillar 1 is “Promote Reliable & Trusted Data – Build trust in data and systems to engender greater data use and investment.”; and

WHEREAS, Action Pillar 2 is “Expand Education & Outreach – Continually educate to foster advancements in data practices and public information dissemination.”; and

WHEREAS, Action Pillar 3 is “Bolster Project & Program Support – Provide support and funding to scale or sustain new or novel data-driven initiatives”; and

WHEREAS, Action Pillar 4 is “Increase Digital Representation & Connection – Improve representation of marginalized groups and their interests within public data to improve government services and increase civic participation”; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is committed to furthering data initiatives that contribute to improved quality of life, health, and safety through access to transportation and mobility options, appropriate housing, a quality environment, and employment opportunities; now therefore

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

Section 1. That is supports and adopts the 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda.

Section 2. 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 3. 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.

Ben Kessler, Chair
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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| Effective date: | August 13, 2026 |
| Submitted by: | Dave Dixon, Director of Data Analytics & Strategic, Planning |
| Prepared by: | Dave Dixon, Director of Data Analytics & Strategic, Planning |
| Authority: | Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21 |
| For action date: | August 13, 2026 |
| Attachment: | 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda |

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# REGIONAL DATA AGENDA 2026-2028

# MORPC & RDR

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is a regional council consisting of over 95 Central Ohio local governments. MORPC is a key convener of member governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded businesses. The Regional Data Roundtable (RDR) is a top-level advisory roundtable consisting of data experts who evaluate and advise the Commission and MORPC staff on matters of regional importance pertaining to data. The RDR vision is to make Central Ohio a leader in using data to improve the quality of life for all residents. Every three years, the RDR attempts to define the current opportunity space for advancing the use of data and analytics via the Regional Data Agenda.

# Data & Analytics Collaboration

Collaboration is the key to fostering value-added interactions and partnerships among local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded businesses. We aim to enhance the use of data to support improved planning and decision making across MORPC's core policy domains within the Central Ohio 15-County region.

# Focus Areas

The Regional Data Agenda establishes four focus areas and four action pillars for the 2026-2028 timeframe. Efforts in these four areas support improved quality of life, health, and safety through access to transportation and mobility options, appropriate housing, a quality environment, and employment opportunities.

**Transportation & Mobility**
Leverage data to support local and regional efforts for the development of safe, efficient, and cost-effective transportation infrastructure and mobility services.

**Housing & Community Development**
Leverage data to support local and regional efforts to provide increased housing availability and affordability, transit-oriented development, and more walkable neighborhoods.

**Energy & Sustainability**
Leverage data to support local and regional efforts to protect the environment, conserve natural resources, and expand sustainable energy generation.

**Infrastructure & Economic Development**
Leverage data to support local and regional efforts to provide additional workforce housing, additional quality jobs, and more affordable childcare.

# Action Pillars

1. **Promote Reliable & Trusted Data** – Build trust in data and systems to engender greater data use and investment.
2. **Expand Education & Outreach** – Continually educate to foster advancements in data practices and public information dissemination.
3. **Bolster Project & Program Support** – Provide support and funding to scale or sustain new or novel data-driven initiatives.
4. **Increase Digital Representation & Connection** – Improve representation of marginalized groups and their interests within public data to improve government services and increase civic participation.

## PILLAR 1: PROMOTE RELIABLE & TRUSTED DATA

Support regional planning and innovation by highlighting data sets, standards, and policies that instill confidence across Central Ohio's stakeholders and sectors.

- **Process Transparency** – Strengthen visibility, openness, and accountability for how data is collected, managed, and utilized.
- **Bias Reduction** – Work to ensure that data inputs, methods and analyses are reasonably free of biases which may call into question the accuracy or appropriateness of data-driven recommendations or decisions.
- **Cybersecurity** – Support data professionals and data owners by connecting them with cybersecurity experts and resources.
- **Data Controls** – Develop guidance resources for data stewards on ethical and responsible data management.

## PILLAR 2: EXPAND EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Enhance data utilization by local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded businesses to inform decision making, strategy development and storytelling by providing and promoting learning opportunities focused on data availability, technical capacity, and subject matter expertise.

- **Signature Events** – Align the focus of Data Day with regional priorities, and strengthen other events such as MORPC's State of the Region, Summit on Sustainability and other significant regional events by incorporating data resources and research.
- **User Groups & Working Groups** – Expand participation by public, private, and community organizations in the Regional Data and Information User Group (RIDG), Central Ohio GIS Users Group (COGUG), and Cybersecurity Working Group.
- **Community & Stakeholder Surveys** – Conduct surveys of area residents, local governments and other stakeholders related to regional priorities and pressing challenges to inform planning and decision-making.
- **Ad Hoc Learning Opportunities** – Connect local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions and private sector companies to learning opportunities.

## PILLAR 3: SUPPORT PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

Help local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded businesses initiate, scale, and embed new or novel data analytics, interoperability, and community research activities, while ensuring existing evidence-based practices continue to be supported.

- **Process Improvements** – Drive greater operational effectiveness across Central Ohio by making data openly available, and advancing data analytics and interoperability practices to bolster intra- and interagency collaboration.
- **Research Studies** – Align strategic data goals with academic and cross-sector expertise to initiate and scale community research initiatives and support studies which will help make Central Ohio a leader in using data to improve residents' quality of life.
- **Pilot Programs** – Work to launch and scale pilot programs. By leveraging the expertise of members and stakeholders, the region can ensure that learnings from pilot programs feed into program planning and improvements throughout the region.
- **Program Evaluations** – Use cross-sector data expertise and available data to measure the effectiveness of community initiatives. Rigorously evaluate both established and pilot programs, ensuring that programs and initiatives are impactful and cost effective.

## PILLAR 4: INCREASE REPRESENTATION & CONNECTION

Champion solutions and opportunities among local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded businesses to expand data access, further data storytelling, and increase community representation.

- **Digital Access** – Increase residential access to broadband internet and make public facing content easy to access and compliant with digital accessibility standards.
- **Data Storytelling** – Communicate the value of data and data-enabled insights using simple language and accessible tools, such as interactive visualizations and dashboards, maps, social media posts, and other creative approaches.
- **Digital Inclusion** – Expand the data and digital resources residents, workers, and visitors need to effectively live, work, and play; ensuring that all communities and their preferences are reflected in decision making and delivery of services.
- **Community-Centered Design** – Design inclusive, accessible data experiences for residents, by engaging in active collaboration and leverage resources of allied organizations. Use relevant data to support civic understanding, policy literacy, and shared problem-solving across communities.

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**Memorandum**

**TO:** Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
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**FROM:** Joseph Garrity
Chief Strategy Officer & Senior Director of External Relations

**DATE:** August 5, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 15-26: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with Cityfi Advisors, LLC to provide professional services for federal funding and strategic opportunities consulting services for the Central Ohio region"**

This resolution authorizes the executive director to negotiate and enter into contract with Cityfi Advisors, LLC beginning September 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed $200,000, with the option to approve up to two one-year extensions, each not to exceed $173,000 annually. MORPC conducted a fair and open selection process to solicit proposals. Three proposals were received and evaluated.

This engagement is about driving investment to the region. Central Ohio is growing quickly, and our ability to keep pace depends on relationships with key federal leaders and agencies in Washington that position projects of regional significance to compete for funding. Federal dollars secured here build the infrastructure our residents, employers, and member communities will need as the region grows.

Cityfi Advisors, LLC will provide a variety of services, including: conducting up to two strategic advisory calls per month with the MORPC executive team to align on regional priorities and opportunities, including at least one in-person strategic session over the course of the engagement; providing ongoing strategic counsel on regional infrastructure initiatives, with a focus on sharing key federal funding opportunities; advising on a strategy to plan for and advance intercity passenger rail in Central Ohio and across the broader Midwest; providing counsel on rail-oriented development, leveraging station areas and corridors to capture real estate value, support transit-oriented growth, and strengthen the financial case for passenger rail investment; supporting the ideation of a new public-private partnership organization dedicated to building out passenger rail in Ohio and the Midwest, including advising on its governance, funding, and institutional structure; supporting the planning of key events involving public and private transportation, infrastructure, and development leaders; and offering additional consulting support as needed, with flexible availability to address emerging priorities or time-sensitive initiatives.

William Murdock, AICP
*Executive Director*

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Attachment: Resolution 15-26

RESOLUTION 15-26

**"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with Cityfi Advisors, LLC to provide professional services for federal funding and strategic opportunities consulting services for the Central Ohio region"**

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has an existing government affairs and public policy program for MORPC members; and

WHEREAS, MORPC's public policy and advocacy efforts have developed a strong voice for the region and local governments' needs at the Statehouse and in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, MORPC conducted a fair and open selection process upon the request for proposals for professional services for Federal funding and strategic opportunities consulting; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing and evaluating the proposals received, Cityfi Advisors, LLC was selected; and

WHEREAS, Cityfi Advisors, LLC will provide strategic counsel and consulting services related to regional infrastructure initiatives, federal funding opportunities, intercity passenger rail planning and development, public-private partnership formation, stakeholder engagement, event planning, and other transportation and economic development priorities; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Cityfi Advisors, LLC from September 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027 to provide professional services for federal funding and strategic opportunities consulting, in an amount not to exceed $200,000, including sub-consultants for passenger rail planning and development.

Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve up to two one-year extensions of the agreement, each in an amount not to exceed $173,000 annually, subject to satisfactory performance by Cityfi Advisors, LLC.

Section 3. 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, the executive director deems necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 4. 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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Ben Kessler, Chair
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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| Effective date: | August 13, 2026 |
| Submitted by: | Joseph Garrity, Chief Strategy Officer & Senior Director of External Relations |
| Prepared by: | Joseph Garrity, Chief Strategy Officer & Senior Director of External Relations |
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**Memorandum**

**TO:** Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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**FROM:** Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director
MODE

**DATE:** July 31, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 13-26: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into a contract extension with EAN Holdings, LLC, DBA Commute with Enterprise, for vanpool fleet services for the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program in an amount not to exceed $500,000"**

Resolution 13-26 authorizes the executive director to enter into a two-year contract extension with EAN Holdings LLC, DBA Commute with Enterprise, for vehicles and vanpool fleet support services for MORPC's Gohio Commute Vanpool Program.

EAN Holdings, LLC, will be responsible for providing commuter highway vehicles to support MORPC's Gohio Commute Vanpool Program. After MORPC Team Members identify a vanpool group, EAN Holdings will provide the commuter highway vehicle, fleet maintenance/management including fleet insurance. They also provide driver support, hold the contract with the commuters and handle all billing for the service. EAN Holdings also provides Gohio Commute fleet marketing on all vehicles and collect National Transit Database data on a monthly basis.

Attachment: Resolution 13-26

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*Executive Director*

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**Laurie Jadwin**
*Vice Chair*

**Matthew Starr**
*Secretary*

RESOLUTION 13-26

**"Authorizing the executive director to enter into a contract extension with EAN Holdings, LLC, DBA Commute with Enterprise, for vanpool fleet services for the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program in an amount not to exceed $500,000"**

WHEREAS, MORPC offers a vanpool program as part of its Gohio Commute rideshare platform to expand commuting options for Central Ohio residents and address workforce transportation challenges; and

WHEREAS, MORPC provides a subsidy to each vanpool group and reports monthly ridership data to the National Transit Database, supporting the allocation of Federal Transit Administration formula funding to come to the region; and

WHEREAS, MORPC entered into contract three years ago with EAN Holdings, LLC to provide fleet services for the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program, including commuter vehicles, fleet maintenance and management, fleet insurance, driver support, customer service, billing administration, Gohio Commute fleet vehicle branding, and monthly National Transit Database reporting; and

WHEREAS, MORPC wishes to extend the contract term through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will compensate EAN Holdings, LLC for subsidies provided in accordance with MORPC's Vanpool Subsidy Policy during the extension period in an amount not to exceed $500,000; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a contract extension with EAN Holdings, LLC to continue vanpool fleet services, with total subsidies during the extension period not to exceed $500,000.

Section 2. 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 3. 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 4. 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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Ben Kessler, Chair
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Effective date: August 13, 2026
Submitted by: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director, MODE

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| Prepared by: | Patricia Olmsted, Transportation Demand Management Program Manager, MODE |
| Authority: | Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21 |
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**Memorandum**

**TO:** Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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**FROM:** Robert Williams, Senior Director
Residential Services

**DATE:** July 29, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 14-26: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) for the 2026 Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program (HWAP) and to enter into related subcontracts"**

For many years MORPC has contracted with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to implement the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) in portions of Franklin County. The Ohio Weatherization Assistance Program is now overseen by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS). The source of funds is federal from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services including the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The program includes work by MORPC to provide client intake, home inspections, installation of energy efficiency measures such as heating and weatherization materials, and quality control over all client cases. MORPC will provide inspection services and quality control to verify work performed adheres to industry and program standards. The installation of weatherization materials, heating and electrical work will be subcontracted to businesses in MORPC's service area.

The grant agreement for PY2026, effective July 1, 2026, is estimated to be up to $710,000 for work performed through June 30, 2027.

Attachment: Resolution 14-26

William Murdock, AICP
*Executive Director*

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Matthew Starr
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RESOLUTION 14-26

**"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) for the 2026 Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program (HWAP-E) and to enter into related subcontracts"**

WHEREAS, ODJFS implements the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, pursuant to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Title IV, Part A (P.L. 94-385); and

WHEREAS, ODJFS seeks to contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to implement this program inside portions of Franklin County for eligible low-income customers and improve the energy efficiency of their household; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the 2026 Enhancement program year is estimated to be up to $710,000 and will be leveraged with other funds from local utilities and other non-federal sources, and that these funds represent a combined amount that includes funds for traditional MORPC HWAP territories; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to this contract will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and local businesses that are subcontracted in MORPC's service area; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into an agreement(s) with ODJFS for the PY2026 Home Weatherization Assistance Program in the amount up to $710,000 and enter into related subcontracts.

Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to approve one or more extensions of time not to exceed six (6) months in the aggregate for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and contract changes not to exceed 20 percent of the total agreement price without further authorization from this Commission.

Section 3. 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 4. 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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Ben Kessler, Chair
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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# MORPC IN THE NEWS

July 2026

## AIR QUALITY

1. **WBNS-10TV**
   An Air Quality Alert Was Issued for Friday Because Of Canadian Wildfires
   10-TV has issued an air quality alert for Tuesday for the viewing public. (7/13/26)

2. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
   Air Quality Alert Issued For Franklin, Other Central Ohio Counties July 14
   An air quality alert for Columbus and several central Ohio counties has been extended from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. (7/13/26)

3. **WCMH-TV**
   Air Quality Alert Issued For Central Ohio Counties
   The Air Quality Alert issued for several central Ohio counties has been extended. (7/13/26)

4. **SPECTRUM NEWS**
   MORPC Issues Air Quality Alert In Columbus
   The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission will issue an Air Quality Alert for Wednesday, July 15, 2026. (7/14/26)

5. **WBNS-10TV**
   MORPC's Air Quality Expert Appears On The Big Picture
   JR Diaz-Hernandez Talks Air Quality with Collin Dorsey and Bryn Caswell (7/14/26)

6. **WCMH-TV**
   Central Ohio First Responders Prepare For Another Round of Hot Weather
   First responders in central Ohio are preparing for another round of hot weather without much of a break from the last stretch of consecutive 90-degree days. (7/14/26)

7. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
   Air Quality Alert Issued For Franklin, Other Central Ohio Counties
   An air quality alert issued for Tuesday, July 14, has been extended through Wednesday, July 15, for Franklin and some other central Ohio counties due to high temperatures and light winds that will carry smoke from wildfires elsewhere into the region. (7/14/26)

8. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
   Air quality alert continues in central Ohio for fourth consecutive day
   The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has again issued a statewide air quality advisory for Friday, July 17, due to smoke from Canadian wildfires, its second in as many days. (7/16/26).

9. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
   Smoke from Canadian wildfires pushes Columbus Air Quality To Worst-Ever Record
   Smoke from Canadian wildfires has resulted in the worst air quality index in the Columbus area since the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission began keeping records in 1999. (7/17/26)

10. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
    It's Back! Another air quality alert issued for region for July 20
    As smoke from Canadian wildfires keep blowing south, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has issued an air quality alert for July 20. (7/19/26)

11. **WBNS-10TV**
    Air Quality Concerns For Monday Amid Return of Wildfire Smoke
    The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has issued an air quality alert for several Central Ohio Counties on Monday due to the wildfires. (7/19/26)