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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, November 5, 2026
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Laurie Jadwin, Chair

2. **Consent Agenda**
   - **Approval of September 3, 2026 minutes**
   - **Approval of October 22, 2026 minutes**

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

4. **Quarterly Financial Statements** – Alisa Obukhova, Interim Finance Director

5. **Boards, Committees & Roundtables Updates**
   - **Benefits & Compensation Working Group** – Joe Stefanov, Chair

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Ben Kessler
Chair

Laurie Jadwin
Vice Chair

Matthew Starr
Secretary

- **Reserve & Investment Subcommittee** – LaGrieta Acheampong, Chair
  - **Proposed Resolution 26-26: "Adopting a revised agency operating reserve policy"** – William Murdock, Executive Director
- **Regional Sustainability Roundtable** – Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer
- **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, Interim Chief Operating Officer & Chief Strategy Officer
- **Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer
  - **Proposed Resolution 28-26**: **"Authorizing the executive director to apply for and execute a grant agreement up to $200,000 with the Ohio Department of Transportation for regional mobility coordination under FTA and State of Ohio Transit programs and to enter into related subcontracts"**
- **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer

6. **Proposed Resolution 17-26**: **"Adopting the Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund"** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Development Officer

7. **Proposed Resolution 27-26**: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) for the 2026 Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and to enter into related subcontracts"** – Robert Williams, Senior Director of Residential Services

8. **Proposed Resolution 23-26**: **"Accepting Franklin County Public Health as an associate member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"** – William Murdock, Executive Director

9. **Proposed Resolution 24-26**: **"Accepting the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) as an associate member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"** – William Murdock, Executive Director

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

11. **Draft Commission Agenda**

12. **Other Business**

13. **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.

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

The next Executive Committee Meeting is
Thursday, December 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

We have an established agenda for this meeting and do not accept comments from visitors. Guests with questions are encouraged to contact staff during normal business hours.

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 3, 2026
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Board Room

Members Present

LaGrieta Acheampong
Chris Amorose Groomes
Lourdes Barroso de Padilla
Jeff Fix
Laurie Jadwin
James Jewell
Ben Kessler
Haley Lupton
Steve Schoeny
Kelly Scocco
Matt Starr
Joe Stefanov

MORPC Staff Present

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

Guests Present

John Gallagher, CESO

Welcome – Laurie Jadwin

Chair Laurie Jadwin called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. followed by a round of introductions.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock

William Murdock presented the Executive Director's Report and began by reminding members that MORPC's work continues to be guided by the pillars of the Strategic Framework: Pay It Forward, Create an Environment for Prosperity, Drive Investments, and Build Value.

MORPC hosted the Ohio Conference on Freight in Columbus with more than 200 logistics and supply chain professionals from across the state. Mr. Murdock recognized Parag Agrawal, Joe Garrity, Ralonda Hampton and their staff for their efforts in delivering the event. The conference highlighted the importance of the freight industry in our region and generated media coverage. The timing was fitting as MORPC moves forward with a consultant-led freight study, which will be discussed later in today's agenda.

Mr. Murdock described visits to Perry and Fairfield Counties focused on flood and storm recovery, planning, housing, economic development, and ways members can use MORPC programs. Perry County officials and major villages expressed interest in engaging more deeply with MORPC. Mr. Murdock thanked Eileen Leuby for organizing the visits and fostering positive relationships with member communities.

Mr. Murdock announced that Franklin County Public Health and the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging are expected to submit resolutions seeking MORPC membership consideration in November potentially bringing membership to 100 entities. Both organizations are important regional partners whose work aligns closely with MORPC's efforts in areas such as public health, housing, transportation, and community development.

Mr. Murdock highlighted a proposed policy, included in the budget and financial update later on the agenda, which would establish a process for communities designated by the State Auditor as being in

fiscal distress to request a temporary reduction or deferral of MORPC membership dues. The proposal is intended to help communities maintain access to MORPC resources during periods of financial hardship and is modeled after an existing approval process. The fiscal distress designation is rare, with only one current MORPC member affected.

Mr. Murdock reported that House Bill 445 (MPO bill) has not advanced and noted plans to meet with the bill sponsor to discuss MORPC's governance structure and operations.

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

- 6 media hits
- 61 days until Election Day
- Over 200 participants for the Ohio Conference on Freight
- MORPC will be presenting Sustainable2050 certificates to three local communities at next week's Commission meeting

The weatherization portfolio remains financially positive year-to-date. Othe Residential Services updates included a proposed City of Columbus home repair grant, a partnership with Impact Community Action to expand service capacity through coordinated single-family and multifamily housing efforts, and increased access to client eligibility data through Ohio Jobs and Family Services. Robert Williams explained that MORPC used a $200,000 Google grant to expand weatherization eligibility to higher-income working homeowners and install tankless water heaters. Google invited MORPC to seek a one-year extension; the proposal may request more funding, add solar measures, use local matching funds, and expand to Delaware and Fairfield Counties.

Mr. Murdock shared that MORPC was not selected for the recent passenger rail grant opportunity but will evaluate future funding opportunities as they become available. Mr. Murdock and Chris Amorose Groomes met and discussed passenger rail with Senator Moreno, emphasizing the costs of highway expansion, the need for strategic corridor investment, potential private financing, and possible congressional directed spending. The Central Ohio Passenger Rail Advisory Council will meet in September.

The Summit on Sustainability is October 28 and features keynote speaker Charles Montgomery, author of *Happy City*. Pecha Kucha speakers were announced, including Mayor Starr. Mr. Murdock encouraged early registration.

The September Pre-Commission Luncheon features Tom Schmid, CEO of the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium.

Mr. Murdock announced that Shawn Hufstedler will be departing MORPC after 17 years of service in executive leadership roles to accept a position with the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Executive Committee Members and staff expressed their appreciation for his contributions to the organization and congratulated him on this next chapter. Mr. Hufstedler reflected on his 17 years with MORPC, expressing pride in the organization's culture and accomplishments. He noted that MORPC's collaborative and mission-driven approach stands out nationally and encouraged members to take pride in the organization's success. Mr. Murdock noted that succession planning efforts are underway.

Budget/Financial Update – Shawn Hufstedler

- **Proposed Resolution 19-26: "Acceptance of the revision of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2026"**

Shawn Hufstedler presented the MORPC 2026 Revised Budget. The revised budget amendment resolution includes: (1) right-sizing the FY 2026 budget, (2) related appropriations adjustments, including the Central Ohio Advance Fund transfer, and (3) adoption of the Fiscal Distress Membership Policy. Mr. Hufstedler explained that the budget reductions reflect multi-year project timing and funding carryforwards rather than lost grants. Appropriations changes authorize the transfer of $5 million to seed the new Central Ohio Advance Fund and provide flexibility for future fund transfers if needed.

The proposed Fiscal Distress Membership Policy would allow temporary membership fee relief for jurisdictions designated by the State of Ohio as being in fiscal caution, fiscal watch, or fiscal emergency. Relief would be available upon request and subject to Executive Director review. The policy outlines eligibility, review procedures, duration, membership status, and reporting requirements. The proposal was developed in response to a current member facing fiscal challenges who wishes to remain actively engaged with MORPC while working toward financial recovery.

Executive Committee Members discussed the proposed fiscal distress relief options, expressing support for maintaining flexibility to provide temporary reductions, deferrals, or waivers on a case-by-case basis. Members emphasized the importance of annual review, renewal requests for continued relief, and periodic updates from participating communities. Mr. Murdock noted that any relief would be time-limited and subject to reconsideration if extended.

Following discussion, the committee voted to separate the revised budget amendment and Fiscal Distress Membership Policy into two resolutions.

Ben Kessler made a motion to separate the two issues into two resolutions, second by Chris Amorose Groomes; motion passed.

Ben Kessler made a motion to adopt Amended Resolution 19-26 pertaining to the revised fiscal budget and fund account appropriations, second by Lourdes Barroso de Padilla; motion passed.

Ben Kessler made a motion to approve new Resolution 21-26 establishing the Fiscal Distress Membership Policy, second by Lourdes Barroso de Padilla; motion passed.

Reserve & Investment Subcommittee – LaGrieta Acheampong

LaGrieta Acheampong reported that the Reserve and Investment Subcommittee will meet next week to evaluate investment options for the new Advance Fund and MORPC's operating reserves. Discussions will focus on strategies for increasing reserve levels, recognizing that MORPC's operations are fully supported by direct and indirect funding and that reserve growth will require identifying additional revenue sources. Ms. Acheampong encouraged members to share ideas with the subcommittee, which will provide an update at the November Executive Committee meeting.

Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board – Parag Agrawal

Parag Agrawal provided MPO program updates. Six Central Ohio applications were submitted for ODOT's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) program and ranked through MORPC's

established evaluation and public engagement process, with final recommendations scheduled for MPO Board consideration and presentation to the TRAC board. Mr. Agrawal noted that project rankings reflect current evaluation criteria and will evolve as new project prioritization methods are developed. MORPC applied for a Federal Transit Administration grant seeking $1 million to improve mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities through a trip-planning and coordination tool developed in partnership with several regional organizations.

Mr. Agrawal gave an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) goals process, including ongoing public outreach and planned board workshops to support the development of new project prioritization criteria.

Progress continues on updates to the Transit-Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) bylaws and policies, which will be reviewed by advisory committees later this month.

Regional Data Roundtable – Jessica Kuenzli

- **Proposed Resolution 16-26: "Establishing population estimates as a basis for 2027 annual participation fees to be assessed members"** Jessica Kuenzli reminded members the population estimates were presented last month. No comments were received and no changes were made to the estimates.

  Resolution 16-26 was approved by unanimous consent.

Regional Sustainability Roundtable – Jessica Kuenzli

Jessica Kuenzli gave the Regional Sustainability Roundtable Update. Ohio EPA and U.S. EPA continue reviewing MORPC's proposed framework for becoming a 208 area-wide planning agency, with final legal feedback expected soon. In the meantime, Team Members are identifying collaborative opportunities with Ohio EPA that can advance regardless of the designation outcome. Ms. Kuenzli highlighted a federal grant opportunity to support water workforce development through a streamlined training and apprenticeship program in partnership with regional educational and workforce organizations.

Additional updates included MORPC's participation in The Big Table on September 29, featuring a community discussion on indoor and outdoor air quality, and upcoming educational opportunities related to data centers, including an Economic Development Academy session and a technical workshop focused on planning, infrastructure, and community impacts.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joseph Garrity

Joe Garrity provided a legislative update, noting that Congress passed a continuing resolution to fund the federal government through December 11, allowing additional time for budget negotiations. Several Central Ohio projects previously advanced through the appropriations process remain pending until a federal budget is enacted. Mr. Garrity highlighted ongoing advocacy related to surface transportation reauthorization, federal transportation funding, and potential future congressional directed spending opportunities.

The Regional Policy Roundtable recently received an update on the 21st Century Road to Housing Act and identified future opportunities to collaborate with the Regional Housing Coalition.

Work is underway to update MORPC's 2027-2028 Public Policy Agenda, with a draft expected to be presented to the Executive Committee in November.

Proposed Resolution 17-26: "Adopting the Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund" – Parag Agrawal

Parag Agrawal presented the proposed Central Ohio Advance Fund, a new MORPC financing initiative designed to help communities advance infrastructure projects by providing short-term cash flow for projects that have already secured reimbursement-based state or federal grant funding. The program aims to address a critical funding gap for communities that lack the upfront resources needed to begin project implementation.

The fund will launch with approximately $5 million in seed funding and will be available to eligible communities throughout Central Ohio. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and evaluated quarterly, with priority given to communities with limited financial capacity. Individual advances will be capped at $2 million per project phase and structured as short-term financing.

Mr. Agrawal noted that the program will operate as a pilot initiative, with policies and procedures refined over time based on community feedback and program experience. Applications are expected to open in October, with the first funding awards anticipated in early 2027.

Executive Committee members expressed strong support for the Advance Fund, noting its potential to help communities advance projects that might otherwise be delayed due to cash flow constraints and commended staff for developing an innovative financing tool to assist local governments.

Members discussed several policy considerations, including replacing the $2 million project cap with a percentage-based limit tied to the overall fund size, refining the financial-capacity scoring methodology, establishing utilization targets, and clarifying governance provisions. Questions were also raised about project prioritization, long-term program growth, and ensuring that funding reaches communities with the greatest need. Additional evaluation factors include prior awards, project impacts, and the risk of losing grant funds.

Following discussion, the Executive Committee agreed by consensus that additional review was warranted and tabled consideration of Proposed Resolution 17-26 until the November meeting.

Proposed Resolution 18-26: "Authorizing the executive director to participate in contracts awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program" – Parag Agrawal

The cooperative purchasing agreement with ODOT supports vehicle purchases for MORPC programs, including Section 5310 and housing-related transportation initiatives.

Steve Schoeny made a motion to approve Resolution 18-26, second by Haley Lupton; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 20-26: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed $250,000 with the selected consultant to support the development and completion of a Regional Freight Plan for the 11-county Economic Development District" – Parag Agrawal

Parag Agrawal presented plans to develop MORPC's first regional Freight Master Plan, which will guide freight policies and investments and be informed by a stakeholder advisory committee representing the transportation, logistics, rail, and freight industries.

Resolution 20-26 was approved by unanimous consent.

Draft Commission Agenda
The Executive Committee reviewed the draft September 10, 2026 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Executive Session – ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1)
Ben Kessler made a motion for the Executive Committee to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of ORC 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 Lourdes Barroso de Padilla. A roll call vote was conducted with all attending committee members in favor. Executive Session began at 3:09 p.m. and concluded at 3:47p.m.

Matt Starr made a motion to allow the officers to continue to gather more information to negotiate a final agreement with William Murdock to be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting, second by Jeff Fix; motion passed.

Jeff Fix made a motion to extend William Murdock's contract four years, second by Matt Starr; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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Matthew Starr, Secretary
Executive Committee

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Special Called Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 22, 2026
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual

Members Present

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

Welcome – Laurie Jadwin
Chair Laurie Jadwin called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Executive Session – ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1)
Jeff Fix made a motion for the Executive Committee to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of ORC 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 LaGrieta Acheampong. A roll call vote was conducted with all attending committee members in favor. Executive Session began at 1:35 p.m. and concluded at 2:19 p.m.

Ben Kessler made a motion to adjourn the Special Called Executive Committee Meeting, second by Jeff Fix; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Matthew Starr, Secretary
Executive Committee

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Memorandum

TO: William Murdock, Executive Director
Executive Committee

FROM: Alisa Obukhova
Interim Finance Director

DATE: October 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Financial Report – September 2026

Summary

As of September 30, 2026, the operating reserve (investment and operating cash accounts) was $4,863,019. Expenses are well within the total budgeted projections. A net loss from all operations was recorded year-to-date as of September 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 September 30, 2026, totaled $13,782,627 or 58% of the year's total budgeted expenses of $23,594,275. From a programmatic perspective (Expenses by Program Area), expenses differed from the budget for the following notable reasons:

- Under-spending of $1,304,576 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 two Safe Streets for All initiatives while grant agreements with the Federal Highway Administration are still finalized..

- Under-spending of $758,535 in Planning and Sustainability primarily reflects delayed project activity. Federal review and a delayed grant extension shifted some EVCRAA work into 2026, resulting in fewer completed sites before the grant ended in June. Additional underspending reflects the Trail Town, Regional Strategic Initiative, and Member Assistance Support programs, which began in the third quarter but were budgeted for the full year.

- Under-spending of $876,947 in Weatherization programs was primarily driven by lower-than-anticipated client demand for weatherization services through both the State (HWAP) and Columbia Gas Warm Choice programs. Additional marketing and partnership efforts are ongoing to increase awareness and encourage more households to participate.

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- The Other category is underspent by $367,925. 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 September 30, 2026, the cash account held $2,982,608 while the investment account had a balance of $1,880,411 totaling $4,863,019. The investment account is held in STAROhio.

Combining the operating cash and investment accounts equated to $4,863,019, or 75 days of budgeted expenses, exceeding the 60-day target identified in the Operating Reserve Policy. Expenditures through September remain below the revised budget, primarily because several federally funded grant contracts have not yet been finalized. These delays have postponed program activity and related spending. Based on expenses through September, the operating cash and investment accounts equated to approximately 96 days of actual expenses.

Operating Income (Change in Net Position)

There was a year-to-date decrease in net position (operating loss) of $463,141 through September 30, 2026. The decrease was primarily attributable to the following, as expected:

- A $486,965 year-to-date net loss for programs funded by COTA in lieu of COVID and NTD (National Transit Database) funding, and by TID (Transportation Improvement District) funding. This operating loss is expected because revenue was recognized in prior years while related expenses are being incurred in the current year.

- A $124,299 year-to-date net loss related to depreciation of leasehold improvements, as expected.

These losses were partially offset by gains of $141,695 including an $86,562 Columbia Gas gain and $55,133 in investment income.

Member Dues

Member dues revenue was $1,281,251 for the year-to-date ending September 30, 2026. Use of member dues was under budget by $52,961. The use of all current-year member dues was as follows:

Use of Member Dues	Budget	Actual	Variance (Over)/Under
Services to Members	$712,272	$696,187	$16,085
Local Matching Funds/Reserve	$351,494	$336,550	$14,944
Development Fund	$57,503	$61,625	($4,122)
Building Lease	$144,327	$144,327	$0
Other	$68,617	$42,563	$26,054
Total	**$1,334,212**	**$1,281,251**	**$52,961**

Fringe Benefit and Indirect (Overhead) Variances

Fringe Benefits
The actual fringe benefit cost rate for the year-to-date is 61.14%, which is slightly less than budgeted of 62.00%, creating a favorable variance for the year-to-date of ($31,232).

Indirect (Overhead)
The actual indirect cost variance for the year-to-date is 56.70%, which is less than the budgeted rate of 58.00%, resulting in a favorable variance for the year-to-date of ($93,461).

Statement of Net Position

- On September 30, 2026, operating cash on hand was $2,982,608. The operating reserve investment account was $1,880,411 and the management reserve was $28,527.
- The Central Ohio Greenways Fund is administered and held by the Columbus Foundation and had a September 30, 2026 balance of $52,002.
- Accounts Receivable as of September 30, 2026 totaled $2,316,416, a decrease of ($965,164) from $3,281,580 as of September 30, 2025, primarily due to receipt of the annual COTA contribution and collection of a few large, previously outstanding federal reimbursements.
- Accounts Payable plus other current accrued liabilities as of September 30, 2026 totaled $1,235,792 compared to $1,695,113 as of September 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 $4,128,492.

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Variance under / (over)
Revenues			
Transportation	$ 5,958,868	$ 4,309,971	$ 1,648,897
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	$ 689,893	$ 564,206	$ 125,686
Planning & Sustainability	$ 3,432,671	$ 2,674,166	$ 758,505
Weatherization	$ 3,579,226	$ 2,788,091	$ 791,135
Housing	$ 1,215,492	$ 1,521,367	$ (305,875)
Services to Members & Development	$ 982,719	$ 944,701	$ 38,018
Other	$ 979,499	$ 516,984	$ 462,516
Potential Funding	$ 857,339	$ -	$ 857,339
Total Operating Revenues	**$ 17,695,706**	**$ 13,319,486**	**$ 4,376,220**
Expenses by Program Area			
Transportation	$ 5,958,868	$ 4,654,292	$ 1,304,576
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	$ 689,893	$ 706,849	$ (16,956)
Planning & Sustainability	$ 3,432,671	$ 2,674,136	$ 758,535
Weatherization	$ 3,579,226	$ 2,702,279	$ 876,947
Housing	$ 1,215,492	$ 1,488,795	$ (273,303)
Services to Members & Development	$ 982,719	$ 944,701	$ 38,018
Other	$ 979,499	$ 611,574	$ 367,925
Potential Funding	$ 857,339	$ -	$ 857,339
Total Expenses by Program Area	**$ 17,695,706**	**$ 13,782,627**	**$ 3,913,079**
Expenses by Account Category			
Salaries and Benefits	$ 8,798,861	$ 8,041,073	$ 757,788
Materials and Supplies	$ 137,609	$ 101,475	$ 36,133
Services, Charges, & Other	$ 3,394,436	$ 2,564,442	$ 829,993
Subcontracted Services	$ 4,742,182	$ 2,405,095	$ 2,337,086
Depreciation and Amortization	$ 622,619	$ 670,541	$ (47,922)
Total Expenses by Account Category	**$ 17,695,706**	**$ 13,782,627**	**$ 3,913,079**
Operations income (loss)		$ (463,141)	$ 463,141
Increase (decrease) in net position	**$ -**	**$ (463,141)**	**$ 463,141**

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF September 30, 2026

	Balance at 09/30/2026 excludes impact of GASB 68 & 75	GASB 68 & 75 (Pension & OPEB) 09/30/2026	Balance at 09/30/2026 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Balance at 09/30/2025 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash	2,982,608		2,982,608	2,601,006
Cash-Operating Reserve (Invested)	1,880,411		1,880,411	1,808,908
Cash-Management Reserve (Invested)	28,527		28,527	23,963
Cash-Greenways Fund (Invested)	52,002		52,002	47,817
Accounts Receivable	2,316,416		2,316,416	3,281,580
Prepaid Expenses	243,929		243,929	187,777
Total Current Assets	7,503,893		7,503,893	7,951,051
Non-Current Assets				
Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,194,386		1,194,386	1,233,901
Intangible Asset Building/Equipment Lease/IT Subscriptions Net of Accumulated Amortization	3,475,724		3,475,724	4,085,536
Total Non-Current Assets	4,670,112		4,670,112	5,319,437
Deferred Outflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	2,329,195	2,329,195	4,031,694
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	2,329,195	2,329,195	4,031,694
Total Assets	12,174,005	2,329,195	14,503,199	17,302,182
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	402,576		402,576	981,142
Accrued Payroll and Fringe Benefits	833,216		833,216	713,971
Unearned Revenue	1,353,210		1,353,210	1,443,138
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	142,372		142,372	139,645
FC Temporary Cash Advance	1,000,000		1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Current Liabilities	3,731,375		3,731,375	4,277,895
Non-Current				
Accrued PTO & Sick Leave	746,250		746,250	677,099
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	3,538,433		3,538,433	4,160,992
Acrrued SBITA	29,456		29,456	-
GASB 68 & 75	-	7,787,162	7,787,162	9,717,347
Total Non-Current	4,314,139	7,787,162	12,101,301	14,555,439
Deferred Inflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	574,768	574,768	309,161
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	574,768	574,768	309,161
Total Liabilities	8,045,514	8,361,930	16,407,444	19,142,495
Net Position				
Beginning Net Position	4,591,633	(6,032,735)	(1,441,102)	(1,310,740)
Current YTD Net Income	(463,141)		(463,141)	(529,573)
Total Net Position	4,128,492	(6,032,735)	(1,904,243)	(1,840,312)
Total Liabilities and Net Position	12,174,005	2,329,195	14,503,199	17,302,182

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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: October 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 26-26: **"Adopting a revised agency operating reserve policy"**

MORPC's Operating Reserve Policy was initially adopted in 2016 and most recently revised in 2023. The policy establishes reserve targets to support day-to-day operations and respond to emergencies, with an initial target of 60 days of funding and a longer-term goal of 90 days or more.

In 2026, the Reserve & Investment Subcommittee reviewed MORPC's reserve position, cash-flow needs, investment approach, and options for strengthening the Operating Reserve. The Subcommittee noted that delayed grant reimbursements continue to create cash-flow pressure and reaffirmed the importance of maintaining the existing reserve targets rather than reducing them.

At its September 15, 2026 meeting, the Subcommittee recommended revising the policy to allocate interest earnings from the Advance Fund to the Operating Reserve until the established reserve targets are met, unless otherwise budgeted and appropriated by the Commission. This change would provide an additional recurring funding source while supplementing existing policy language directing MORPC to seek annual reserve contributions from available sources.

No broader change to the reserve targets, conditions for use, authorization and replenishment requirements, or reporting and monitoring provisions is proposed at this time. Staff will continue to evaluate additional funding mechanisms and policy options as MORPC's cash-flow needs and use of the Advance Fund become better established.

Attachment: Resolution 26-26

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RESOLUTION 26-26

“Adopting a revised agency operating reserve policy”

WHEREAS, MORPC’s Operating Reserve Policy was initially adopted in 2016 and most recently revised in 2023; and

WHEREAS, periodic review of the policy is desired; and

WHEREAS, the Reserve & Investment Subcommittee reviewed MORPC’s reserve position, cash-flow needs, investment approach, and options for strengthening the Operating Reserve; and

WHEREAS; the Reserve & Investment Subcommittee reaffirmed the existing reserve targets and recommended strengthening the Operating Reserve rather than reducing those targets; and

WHEREAS; the Reserve & Investment Subcommittee recommended allocating interest earnings from the Advance Fund to the Operating Reserve until the target reserve levels established by the Operating Reserve Policy are met; and

WHEREAS, the revised Operating Reserve Policy incorporates this recommendation while maintaining the policy’s existing reserve targets, conditions for use, authorization and replacement requirements, and reporting and monitoring provisions; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the Commission adopts the attached revised Operating Reserve Policy.

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.

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Ben Kessler, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date:	November 12, 2026
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Alisa Obukhova, Associate Director of Accounting & Grant Management
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	November 12, 2026
Attachments:	Revised Operating Reserve Policy Revised Operating Reserve Policy – with tracked changes

MORPC OPERATING RESERVE POLICY

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

1. **Background**

   For Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to deliver on its mission, it is imperative to maintain financial stability. Establishing an operating reserve is a mechanism that governments can implement to ensure adequate levels of cash balances are available to mitigate current and future risks.

2. **Policy Statement**

   The primary objective of this policy is to establish an operating reserve for MORPC that will permit the organization to continue to operate during difficult financial times. The following are two types of operating reserves addressed within this policy:

   I. Operating Cash Flow: Maintain adequate level of cash for day-to-day operations.

   II. Emergencies: Accommodate unusual and/or unforeseen emergency cash needs.

3. **Level of Funding**

   The target reserve level is 60 days' worth of funding up to 90 days or more based on the annual budget approved by the Commission. While the initial target reserve amount is 60 days, the intent is to increase the reserve level to 90 days or more over time. Generally, 30 days or more worth of budgeted expenses will be maintained in the operating cash account. The remainder of the operating reserve will be determined by the Reserve and Invesetment Subcommittee in accordance with the Investment Policy.

   Funding for the reserve may come from diverse areas. To attain the long-term goal, MORPC will seek to allocate additional funds to the reserve every year from various sources, including the investment income from the Advance Fund until the target reserve levels of this policy are met as well as members' dues if no other funds are available, as established by the Commission.

   Annually an amount should be built into the budget and appropriations to build the operating reserve.

4. **Conditions for Use**

I. Operating Cash Flow:
The operating cash flow reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations that would interrupt the normal day-to-day operations as determined by management to the extent authorized by the Commission.

II. Emergencies:

The emergency reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as a sudden increase in expenses, one-time unbudgeted expenses, unanticipated loss in funding, uninsured losses and other emergency needs as determined by the Commission. The Commission may delegate authority to the Executive Committee to authorize emergency use to the extent that the funds have been budgeted and appropriated.

5. **Authorization and Replenishment**

The use of operating reserves must be adequately appropriated and budgeted. Earnings from the operating reserve investments will be retained within the operating reserve, unless otherwise budgeted and appropriated by the Commission. The use of the reserve must be accompanied by a description of the analysis and determination of the use along with plans for replenishing the reserve. The analysis must include identification of whether the use is anticipated to be a one-time issue or expense or likely to be multiple occurrences.

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Authority is given to the Executive Director for the Chief Financial Officer or Finance Director as otherwise authorized to transfer up to $750,000 per occurrence into the main operating account from the remainder of the operating reserve in consultation with the Chair of the Reserve and Investment Subcommittee and the Chair of the Executive Committee. Authority is given to the Executive Director for the Chief Financial Officer or Finance Director as otherwise authorized to transfer up to $250,000 per year between the cash and investment account for cash management purposes without consultation of the Chair of the Reserve and Investment Subcommittee and the Chair of the Executive Committee. The maximum cumulative amount of transfer into the main operating account at any given time is $1,000,000 without additional approval from the Commission.

Notwithstanding the above, as cash flow is consistently lowest at the turn of the calendar year due to factors such as the timing of funding cycles, the intentional payment of as many invoices as possible before year end and system closures, and larger than average volume of payments when systems are turned on at the beginning of year before all annual receipts (like dues) have been paid for the year, authority is given to the Chief Financial Officer or Finance Director to transfer up to $1,000,000 from the operating reserve investment account to the main operating account as soon as December 1 of each year. The $1,000,000 will be transferred back to the Operating Reserve Investment Account within no later than 90 days of the initial transfer without authorization from the Executive Director in consultation with the Chair of the Executive Committee and the Reserve and Investment Subcommittee.

II. Emergencies:

The Executive Director must receive prior approval from the Commission, or the Executive Committee if so delegated by the Commission, for use of funds in an emergency.

6. **Reporting and Monitoring**

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is responsible for ensuring that the Operating Reserve is maintained and used only as described in this Policy. Upon approval for the use of the Operating Reserve, the CFO will ensure adequate maintenance of records of the use of funds and plan for replenishment. They will ensure adequate and regular reporting to the Executive Committee of progress to restore the fund.

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Parag Agrawal, AICP
Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer

DATE: October 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 28-26: **"Authorizing the executive director to apply for and execute a grant agreement up to $200,000 with the Ohio Department of Transportation for regional mobility coordination under FTA and State of Ohio Transit programs and to enter into related subcontracts"**

MORPC is applying to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for funds to continue the development and administration of the Regional Mobility Plan. The Regional Mobility Plan is the Coordinated Plan for ODOT's Human Services Transportation Coordination (HSTC) Region 6, including Delaware, Franklin, Fairfield, Fayette, Licking, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2028, which begins July 1, 2027, MORPC is requesting up to $200,000 of ODOT Transit funding.

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Attachment: Resolution 28-26

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RESOLUTION 28-26

"Authorizing the executive director to apply for and execute a grant agreement up to $200,000 with the Ohio Department of Transportation for regional mobility coordination under FTA and State of Ohio Transit programs and to enter into related subcontracts"

WHEREAS, the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants for the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, MORPC currently oversees the development and administration of The Regional Mobility Plan which serves as the Coordinated Plan for ODOT's Human Services Transportation Coordination (HSTC) Region 6 including Delaware, Franklin, Fairfield, Fayette, Licking, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, MORPC intends to apply for up to $200,000 of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transit funding for SFY 2028 to continue the planning and administration of the Regional Mobility Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to execute and file proposals to aid in the financing of capital, operating, and planning assistance projects; grant agreements with ODOT for the financing of capital, operating, and planning assistance projects; an assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; set forth affirmative disadvantage business policies in connection to any procurement made as part of the project; and enter into related subcontracts.

Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the proposal for the program of projects submitted to the Federal Transit Administration and the State of Ohio.

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:	November 12, 2026
Submitted by:	Parag Agrawal, AICP, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer
Prepared by:	Hannah Ruscin, Senior Planner, Mobility & Development
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
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TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility and Development Officer and Senior Director
Mobility & Development

DATE: October 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 17-26: **"Adopting the Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund"**

Attached Resolution 17-26 adopts the Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund.

MORPC has recognized that many Central Ohio communities struggle to take advantage of reimbursement-based grant funding opportunities, such as Ohio Public Works Commission funding, MORPC MPO funding, or LinkUs Transit Supportive Infrastructure funding, largely due to a lack of sufficient financial capacity. Reimbursement-based grant programs require local communities to cash flow consultant or contractor invoices while awaiting reimbursement from the granting agency. This requirement often means that projects that have been awarded funding through a reimbursement-based grant program are unable to advance, especially in our smaller communities.

As Central Ohio continues to grow, the demand on our transportation system is changing. Moreover, these changing demands are not limited by jurisdictional boundaries but rather are felt across the region. It is essential that all Central Ohio jurisdictions can advance key transportation infrastructure projects to meet these changing demands.

MORPC staff have been working alongside consultants to develop the Central Ohio Advance Fund to support local communities in their pursuit of reimbursement-based grant funding. Additionally, MORPC has already secured $5 million to initially seed this fund.

The Central Ohio Advance Fund aims to alleviate the often-prohibitive cash flow burden placed upon local communities when pursuing reimbursement-based grant funding for transportation infrastructure projects. This fund will provide working capital to local communities to cash-flow the implementation of projects while awaiting reimbursement from a granting agency. Following the conclusion of a project, local communities will return the working capital to the Advance Fund to be made available for future projects in the region.

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The Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund outline program eligibility, application processes, evaluation and selection criteria, funding agreement terms and associated fees, and ongoing program management requirements.

Following the adoption of these Policies, MORPC will launch the Central Ohio Advance Fund later this year, with the first round of advance agreements anticipated to be executed in 2027.

Attachment: Resolution 17-26

RESOLUTION 17-26

“Adopting the Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund”

WHEREAS, Central Ohio communities rely upon grant funding for the implementation of transportation infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, many grant programs award funding on a reimbursement basis; and

WHEREAS, multiple Central Ohio communities lack the financial resources to pay contractor invoices while awaiting reimbursement from a granting agency; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has recognized the importance of all Central Ohio communities being able to benefit from grant funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Advance Fund is being established to provide working capital to Central Ohio communities that have been awarded reimbursement-based grant funding; and

WHEREAS, Attachment 1 sets forth policies for the managing of the Central Ohio Advance Fund; now therefore

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

Section 1. That the Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund, as documented in the Attachment, are hereby adopted.

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.

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Ben Kessler, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date:	November 12, 2026
Submitted by:	Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility and Development Officer and Senior Director
Prepared by:	Thomas Graham, Associate Director of Transportation Planning
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	November 12, 2026
Attachment:	Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund

Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund

November 2026

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The Policies for Managing the Central Ohio Advance Fund was prepared by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), 111 Liberty St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 228-2663, with funding from various sources. The contents of this report reflect the views of MORPC, which is solely responsible for the information presented herein.

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1. Program Overview

The Central Ohio Advance Fund was established to assist local jurisdictions in the region with the implementation of transportation infrastructure projects. Specifically, this program aims to alleviate cash flow barriers which prevent local jurisdictions from pursuing reimbursement-based grant opportunities to fund local infrastructure investments. This document outlines the program policies and requirements which govern administration of the Advance Fund.

The Advance Fund will provide the necessary funding to local jurisdictions to advance transportation infrastructure projects while awaiting reimbursement from a granting agency. This fund is not a grant program, but rather applicants to the Advance Fund will be expected to return funds to the program once reimbursement is secured.

The primary goal of establishing the Advance Fund is to assist jurisdictions in Central Ohio with limited financial capacity as they pursue implementation of transportation infrastructure projects including roadway, sidewalks, and bikeways projects.

Procedurally, the Central Ohio Advance Fund ("Fund") will provide funding to local jurisdictions as requested throughout the project development and implementation process. When a successful applicant to the Fund is ready to initiate a project phase, MORPC will advance working capital to the applicant jurisdiction which will enable them to cash-flow contractor invoices and subsequently pursue reimbursement. At the conclusion of a project phase the applicant jurisdiction will return the advanced working capital to MORPC. This process is explained in greater detail in later sections of this document.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Eligible Applicants

MORPC will accept applications from the following jurisdictions:

- Counties, cities, villages, and townships within the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundary
- MORPC member counties, cities, villages, and townships outside of the MORPC MPO boundary
- Transportation Improvement Districts within a county that is a MORPC member

The applicant jurisdiction is responsible for executing the project. Ineligible jurisdictions include those who failed to execute a project with previous Fund moneys.

2.2 Eligible Projects

Applicants can apply to the Fund to assist with the implementation of transportation infrastructure projects which have secured grant funding from a program which disburses awarded funds on a reimbursement basis. For the purposes of determining eligibility, transportation infrastructure projects are defined as any project which will maintain or improve

the publicly accessible multi-modal transportation system. This includes projects which maintain or improve infrastructure for vehicular traffic, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and other transportation system users.

MORPC will only accept applications for projects which have secured reimbursement-based grant funding. Reimbursement-based grant programs include, but are not limited to, MORPC MPO Funding, CORPO Dedicated Funds, Ohio Public Works Commission Infrastructure Funding, COTA Transit Supportive Infrastructure Funding (TSI), and other federal or state transportation infrastructure grants.

2.3 Eligible Requests

Applications to the Central Ohio Advance Fund shall indicate the requested working capital ("Advance") amount and the requested commitment term (the length of time the funds will be outstanding). Funding via the Central Ohio Advance Fund is intended to revolve as project sponsors pay invoices and are subsequently reimbursed. Therefore, the Advance amount requested should align with the largest sum of money which will be pending reimbursement from the granting agency during the project phase. For example, a construction project with a total estimated construction cost of $2 million may only need an Advance of $500k to cash flow contractor invoices as the applicant will be able to request reimbursement from the granting agency as invoices are paid and utilize those reimbursed funds for future contractor invoices.

Requested Advance amounts for a single application shall not exceed 40 percent of the total capacity of the Advance Fund across all phases of a single project. Requested commitment terms shall not exceed 24 months from time of Advance disbursement. MORPC staff will consider exceptions to these thresholds if necessary to advance a project, on a case-by-case basis.

3. Application Process and Requirements

Applications to the Central Ohio Advance Fund will be accepted on a rolling basis. The application is accessible online at (https://www.morpc.org/programs-services/advance-fund/). The application requests the following information:

1. Project Name
    a. *Name of the project*
2. Project Limits
    a. *Information detailing the physical location of the project*
3. Project Type/Primary Activity Type
    a. *The primary purpose/impact of the project*
4. Project Scope
    a. *A description of the project, detailing the work which will be completed and indicating what transportation infrastructure will be constructed*
5. Applicant Jurisdiction
    a. *The jurisdiction which is submitting the application to the Advance Fund*
6. *Applicant Jurisdiction EIN*
    a. *The sponsor jurisdiction's employer identification number*
7. Primary Application Contact

    a. *The staff person at the sponsor jurisdiction responsible for coordination regarding the application*
    b. *Contact Email*
    c. *Contact Phone Number*
8. Project Schedule
    a. *Complete the table shown below*

Phase	*Preliminary Engineering/Detailed Design*	*Right-of-Way Acquisition*	*Construction*
Start Date			
End Date			

9. Advance Fund Request
    a. *Information provided by project phase (Preliminary Engineering/Detailed Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Construction)*
        i. *Requested Advance Amount (the amount of working capital needed)*
        ii. *Requested commitment term*
10. *Description of Reimbursement-based Grant Funding Secured*
    a. *Description of the grant funding sources secured for this project*
    b. *Amount of grant funding secured for this project*
    c. *Timeline for the grant secured for this project*
11. *Evaluation Narrative*
    a. *Limited to 500 words*
    b. *Narrative response detailing the following*
        i. *Any financial limitations which are currently inhibiting the ability of the applicant to advance this project*
        ii. *The impacts of this project, referring to any regional or local planning documents which identify this project as a priority*
        iii. *Any upcoming obligation deadlines for awarded grant funding*
    c. *Additional information on the evaluation narrative can be found in the scoring criteria included in Section 4 of this document*

The following are required attachments to the application:

1. Project Schedule and Anticipated Cash Flow Need
    a. *A detailed schedule for the project, including key milestone dates throughout the project development process. Start and end dates for Preliminary Engineering/Detailed Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, and Construction should be included*
    b. *The detailed schedule should be accompanied by information regarding anticipated cash flow needs, which will be utilized to inform the schedule of disbursements and reimbursements*
2. Documentation of reimbursement-based grant funding commitment
    a. *This should take the form of either a signed grant agreement or formal notification of award from the granting agency*
3. Resolution authorizing the applicant to enter into a funding agreement with MORPC

4. Application Evaluation and Selection

Upon receiving an application, MORPC will first evaluate the eligibility of the request based upon the criteria outlined in Section 2 of this document. If MORPC determines that an application is ineligible for the Fund, staff will provide feedback to the applicant explaining this determination and offering clarification on eligibility for this program.

Eligible applications will be selected for funding quarterly, and no priority will be given to applications with an earlier time stamp of submission. All applications received before the quarterly deadline (deadlines will be made publicly available) will be reviewed and evaluated during the same timeframe. MORPC may award all eligible applications if the Fund has sufficient capacity to meet all requests. When MORPC receives requests which exceed the capacity of the Fund the following scoring criteria will be evaluated to prioritize applications for selection:

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<tr><th>Scoring Criteria</th><th>Max Points</th></tr>
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Local Financial Capacity

Applications from jurisdictions with limited financial capacity to advance the infrastructure project will be prioritized according to their administration fee subsidy index value (included in Appendix A) and their household median income as detailed in the following:

Jurisdictions with a median household income equal to or above 120% of the statewide median household income will be scored according to the following table:
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Jurisdictions with a median household income below 120% of the statewide median household income will be scored according to the following table:
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<tr><th>Administration Fee Subsidy Index</th><th>Points Awarded</th></tr>
<tr><td>Less than 5 but greater than or equal to 2</td><td>20</td></tr>
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Projects which would be unable to advance without assistance from the Advance Fund will be prioritized highest in this criterion (30 points)
Applicants should describe any financial limitations to advancing their project in the evaluation narrative section of the application

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Project Impacts

Projects which advance a regional transportation priority, as identified in a regional transportation plan such as the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan or the CORPO Transportation Plan, will be prioritized (up to 10 points)

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• Projects which advance a local transportation priority, as identified in a local planning document such as a comprehensive plan or a transportation specific plan, will be prioritized (up to 10 points) • Applicants should describe the impacts of their project and reference any pertinent planning documents in the evaluation narrative section of the application	
Recent Advance Fund Awards • Applicants who have yet to receive assistance from the Fund will be prioritized highest in this criterion (10 points) • Applicants who have not received assistance from the Fund within the last two years will be prioritized (5 points)	10
Risk of Losing Grant Funding • Applications for projects which are at risk of missing obligation deadlines for awarded grant funding will be prioritized if assistance from the Fund would be sufficient to avoid loss of grant funding to the region (10 points) • Applicants should provide details on any upcoming obligation deadlines for awarded grant funding in the evaluation narrative section of the application	10
Total	**100**

MORPC staff will administratively report the Fund's awards to the Executive Committee each quarter.

Eligible applications which are not selected for funding will receive feedback from MORPC including a summary of the evaluation. These applications may be considered for future assistance through the Fund.

5. Advance Agreement Terms

This section outlines the terms which will be included in the Advance Agreements for awarded applications.

1. Advance Amount
    a. Aligns with the *"Advance Fund Request"* item from the application
    b. Projects requesting Advances for multiple project phases may have different Advance Amounts for each phase
    c. Section 2.3 outlines eligible requests

2. Commitment Term
    a. Aligns with the *"Commitment term"* item from the application
    b. The term of the agreement should not begin before project costs are eligible for reimbursement per a fully executed grant funding agreement
    c. The term of the agreement should end within 30 days of final reimbursement from the granting agency being received by the applicant jurisdiction
    d. Project requesting Advances for multiple project phases may have different commitment terms for each phase
    e. Section 2.3 outlines eligible requested commitment terms

3. Security

a. Advances must be secured by the reimbursement-based grant and local funds

4. Application Fee
    a. Successful applications will be assessed an application fee equal to 0.35% of the total advance amount across all phases or $500 minimum at the time of executing the Advance Fund agreement
    b. The application fee is intended to offset a portion of the costs incurred by MORPC to evaluate and select applications

5. Ongoing Administration Fee
    a. An additional ongoing administration fee will be charged as a percentage of the outstanding advance amount to be calculated annually on an actual/actual basis in arrears
    b. MORPC, at its discretion, may adjust the ongoing administrative fee based upon market factors for future agreements
    c. MORPC will offer ongoing administration fee subsidies to communities with a median household income below 120% of the statewide median household income for Ohio as reported in the most recent American Communities Survey
    d. For the purposes of determining subsidies for jurisdictions with limited financial capacity, MORPC will calculate the following administration fee subsidy index:

$$Index = \frac{Median\ Household\ Income\ x\ Total\ Households}{100{,}000{,}000}$$

A table including the administration fee subsidy index for each local jurisdiction eligible for assistance via the advance fund as of June 2026 is included as an appendix to this document and will be updated regularly as new American Communities Survey data becomes available

    e. Applicants meeting the following standard will be offered ongoing administrative fee rates based upon the following table:

Administrative Fee Index	Ongoing Administrative Fee Rate
Less than 5 but greater than or equal to 2	75% of MORPC market rate
Less than 2 but greater than or equal to 1	55% of MORPC market rate
Less than 1	35% of MORPC market rate

    f. The ongoing administration fee will be established at closing for the entirety of the agreement

6. Repayment
    - Outstanding amount due to be remitted to MORPC within 30 days of receiving the final reimbursement grant funding amount
    - Advance repayment invoices will be sent at the time the advance is disbursed

7. Delinquent Project Penalties

- A penalty equal to 3% of the aggregate outstanding advance amount will be applied to the applicant if any of the following are ongoing or have occurred:
    - Grant Reimbursements have not been transferred to MORPC within 30 days of receiving final reimbursement grant funding
    - Administrative fees have not been paid
    - Reporting requirements are not up to date
    - Project schedule is more than 3 months behind schedule
- MORPC will notify applicants of any issues which could result in this penalty being applied and permit applicants 30 days to resolve such issues before the penalty is applied.

8. Advancement Procedures
    - MORPC intends to advance funds prior to the incurrence of project expenses by the applicant
    - MORPC will determine a schedule for the advancement of funds at the time the Advance Agreement is executed
    - The Successful Applicant will be responsible for paying project-related expenses and requesting grant reimbursement
    - MORPC may not advance funds or revise the timing of such advancements, if project timing changes or the Successful Applicant has not transferred Grant Reimbursements to MORPC on a timely basis

6. Advance Underwriting

MORPC will review the applicant's ability to repay the advance to MORPC. MORPC's review will include the following:

- Security of the advance, including non-grant funds
- Status of project bidding
- Status of grant securing the advance
- Status of necessary authorization to enter into an Advance Agreement
- Total funding sources for the project

7. Reporting Requirements

All successful applicants shall report to MORPC on the project timeline and draw schedule in the manner requested, including providing MORPC with all reporting that is required to be provided to the grantor. MORPC staff reserve the right to request additional information as need arises.

Appendix A: Subsidy Index Table

This table lists the calculated index from Section 5 of the Policies for Central Ohio communities based on ACS data available in July of 2026. Communities which qualify for a subsidy are highlighted.

Local Jurisdiction	Index
ASHLEY	0.37
ASHVILLE	1.24
BELLEFONTAINE	3.66
BERKSHIRE TWP DEL	2.90
BERLIN TWP DEL	4.89
BEXLEY	7.04
BLENDON TWP FRA	3.57
BLOOM TWP FAI	4.10
BRICE	0.04
BROWN TWP DEL	0.32
BROWN TWP FRA	1.85
BUCKEYE LAKE	0.85
CANAL WINCHESTER	5.12
CHILLICOTHE	5.29
CIRCLEVILLE	3.48
CLINTON TWP FRA	1.25
COLUMBUS	258.07
CONCORD TWP DEL	6.18
DELAWARE	16.69
DELAWARE CTY	109.89
DELAWARE TWP DEL	0.96
DUBLIN	28.85
ETNA TWP LIC	7.41
FAIRFIELD CTY	54.90
FAYETTE CTY	7.33
FRANKLIN CTY	415.80
FRANKLIN TWP FRA	1.98
GAHANNA	15.55
GALENA	0.69
GAMBIER	0.26
GENOA TWP DEL	15.91
GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS	4.75
GRANVILLE	2.31
GRANVILLE TWP LIC	4.58
GROVE CITY	16.29
GROVEPORT	2.11

Local Jurisdiction	Index
HAMILTON TWP FRA	2.87
HARLEM TWP DEL	2.26
HEATH	3.14
HEBRON	0.67
HILLIARD	18.23
HOCKING CTY	7.28
JACKSON TWP FRA	17.88
JEFFERSON TWP FRA	7.25
JEROME TWP UNI	6.16
JOHNSTOWN	1.80
KINGSTON TWP DEL	0.97
KNOX CTY	17.35
LANCASTER	9.97
LIBERTY TWP DEL	22.40
LICKING CTY	57.93
LITHOPOLIS	0.93
LOCKBOURNE	0.04
LOGAN CTY	14.00
LONDON	2.80
MADISON CTY	13.65
MADISON TWP FRA	8.93
MARBLE CLIFF	0.60
MARION	5.97
MARION CTY	14.65
MARLBORO TWP DEL	0.14
MARYSVILLE	9.41
MIFFLIN TWP FRA	15.89
MINERVA PARK	0.99
MORROW CTY	10.14
MOUNT STERLING	0.48
MOUNT VERNON	3.82
NEW ALBANY	8.70
NEW LEXINGTON	0.82
NEWARK	12.50
NORWICH TWP FRA	18.52
OBETZ	2.21

Local Jurisdiction	Index
ORANGE TWP DEL	21.16
OSTRANDER	0.46
OXFORD TWP DEL	0.35
PATASKALA	6.37
PERRY CTY	9.07
PERRY TWP FRA	2.37
PICKAWAY CTY	16.21
PICKERINGTON	9.42
PLAIN CITY	1.83
PLAIN TWP FRA	9.54
PLEASANT TWP FRA	2.48
PORTER TWP DEL	1.28
POWELL	10.09
PRAIRIE TWP FRA	4.80
RADNOR TWP DEL	0.75
REYNOLDSBURG	12.61
RIVERLEA	0.35
ROSS CTY	18.27
SCIOTO TWP DEL	1.99

Local Jurisdiction	Index
SHARON TWP FRA	9.09
SHAWNEE HILLS	0.50
SOMERSET	0.29
SOUTH BLOOMFIELD	0.88
SUNBURY	3.15
THOMPSON TWP DEL	0.40
TRENTON TWP DEL	1.18
TROY TWP DEL	0.87
TRURO TWP FRA	8.74
UNION CTY	27.22
UPPER ARLINGTON	22.24
URBANCREST	0.17
VALLEYVIEW	0.17
VIOLET TWP FAI	20.15
WASHINGTON TWP FRA	24.23
WEST JEFFERSON	1.06
WESTERVILLE	16.64
WHITEHALL	4.24
WORTHINGTON	7.83

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert Williams, Senior Director
Residential Services

DATE: October 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 27-26: **"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) for the 2026 Home Weatherization Assistance 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 October 1, 2026, is estimated to be up to $1,894,667 for work performed through June 30, 2027.

Attachment: Resolution 27-26

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Ben Kessler
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RESOLUTION 27-26

"Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) for the 2026 Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) 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 program year is estimated to be up to $1,894,681 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 $1,894,681 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

Effective date:	November 12, 2026
Submitted by:	Robert Williams, Senior Director, Residential Services
Prepared by:	Robert Williams, Senior Director, Residential Services
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	November 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: October 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 23-26: **"Accepting Franklin County Public Health as an associate member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"**

On September 8, 2026, the Franklin County Board of Health passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts Franklin County Public Health as an associate member of MORPC, effective November 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.

Ohio Revised Code 713.21 allows other units of local government to participate in Regional Planning Commissions such as MORPC: "After creation of a regional planning commission, school districts, special districts, authorities, and any other units of local government may participate in the regional planning commission, upon terms agreed upon by the planning commissions and boards."

The 2026 dues assessed for Franklin County Public Health (non-voting member) are $208.

Attachment: Resolution 23-26

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RESOLUTION 23-26

"Accepting Franklin County Public Health as an associate member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"

WHEREAS, Franklin County Public Health 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, Franklin County Public Health has petitioned for membership (non-voting) in MORPC; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Public Health is eligible for associate membership by its standing as a unit of local government under ORC 713.21; and

WHEREAS, the attached Associate Member Benefit Guide may be subject to change based on the actions of the Commission and the availability of programming as determined by the executive director; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Public Health will be assessed dues based on the associate membership rate; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2026, the Franklin County Board of Health 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 Franklin County Public Health is accepted as an associate member of MORPC effective November 12, 2026.

Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that one (1) representative appointed by Franklin County Public Health is eligible to serve as a non-voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.

Section 3. That 2026 net dues will be assessed to Franklin County Public Health in the amount of $208.

Section 4. That Franklin County Public Health is entitled to the associate member benefits as outlined in the attached Associate Member Benefit Guide.

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.

Ben Kessler, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date:	November 12, 2026
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
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Attachment:	Associate Member Benefit Guide

Associate Member Benefit Guide

Associate members shall have one representative as may be established by the COMMISSION.

Associate members shall contribute at the rate and in the manner as may be established at the time they become a participant, but this rate and manner may be revised by the COMMISSION from time to time.

Associate members are other units of local government (as enabled in O.R.C. 713.21). School districts, special districts, authorities, and any other units of local government may participate in the regional planning commission, upon terms agreed upon by the COMMISSION.

Associate Member Benefits

- Recognized as a member of the Commission with one non-voting representative to participate in the Commission board meetings and activities
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TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: October 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 24-26: **"Accepting the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) as an associate member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"**

On September 15, 2026, the Regional Council of Governments for the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) as an associate member of MORPC, effective November 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.

Ohio Revised Code 713.21 allows other units of local government to participate in Regional Planning Commissions such as MORPC: "After creation of a regional planning commission, school districts, special districts, authorities, and any other units of local government may participate in the regional planning commission, upon terms agreed upon by the planning commissions and boards."

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Attachment: Resolution 24-26

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RESOLUTION 24-26

"Accepting the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) as an associate member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"

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WHEREAS, the attached Associate Member Benefit Guide may be subject to change based on the actions of the Commission and the availability of programming as determined by the executive director; and

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging will be assessed dues based on the associate membership rate; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2026, the Regional Council of Governments for the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging 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**:

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