Ohio Public Works Commission
District 3 – Franklin County

Public Works Integrating Committee
Applicant Presentations Meeting
Agenda

Time:
Friday, October 16, 2026, at 1:30 PM

Location:
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Board Room,
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215

Committee (Alternate):

Adam Fowler	(Barb Cox),	Franklin County Representative
Kenneth Wilson	(Kris Long),	Franklin County Representative
Kristen Atha	(Ken Heigel),	City of Columbus Representative
Kelly Scocco, *Chair*,	(James Young),	City of Columbus Representative
Stephen Farst	(Nate Lang),	Municipality Representative
Darryl Hughes, *Vice-Chair*,	(Jeannie Willis),	Municipality Representative
Joe Martin	(Shane Farnsworth),	Township Representative
James Jewell	(Dave Medley),	Township Representative
Ryan Andrews	(Karl Craven),	Private Sector Representative

Agenda:

1. **Roll Call and Introductions**
2. **Election of Officers**
3. **Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2026, Meeting**
4. **OPWC Updates**
5. **Exemption Requests for Delinquent Projects**
6. **NRAC Appointments**
   - **6.1.** Matt Brown
   - **6.2.** Shannon Brady
7. **Application Presentations**
8. **Other Business**
9. **Adjournment**

The next Public Works Integrating Committee Meeting is planned for:
Friday, December 4, 2026, at 1:30 PM, at the
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Board Room,

111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215

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Ohio Public Works Commission
District 3 – Franklin County

Public Works Integrating Committee
Policies & Criteria Working Session
Minutes

Time:
Friday, April 10, 2026, at 10:30 AM

Location:
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Board Room,
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215

Committee (Alternate) present:

Adam Fowler	(Barb Cox),	Franklin County Representative
	(Kris Long),	Franklin County Representative
	(Ken Heigel),	City of Columbus Representative
Kelly Scocco,		City of Columbus Representative
	(Nate Lang),	Municipality Representative
Darryl Hughes,		Municipality Representative
Joe Martin	(Shane Farnsworth),	Township Representative
James Jewell,		Township Representative
Ryan Andrews,		Private Sector Representative

Staff present:
Thomas Graham, MORPC
Dan Schmuhl, MORPC
Tyler Phelps, MORPC

Guests Present:
Tim Nittle, City of Columbus
Jim Pajk, City of Columbus
Ronni Nimps, Franklin County Engineer's Office

Minutes:

1. Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 AM and Dan Schmuhl took attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes for March 13th, 2026, Meeting

Chair Scocco entertained a motion for the committee to approve the March 13th, 2026, meeting minutes. James Jewell moved to approve the minutes, Kris Long seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

3. Discussion of Potential Modifications to District Methodology

Dan Schmuhl, Thomas Graham, and Tyler Phelps presented staff recommended changes to the district's policy and scoring methodology in advance of the SFY 2028 funding round.

These changes have been updated to reflect feedback received from the PWIC committee:

- Formatting and styling of District policy and scoring methodology.
  - Font colors updated to meet WCAG 2.2 level AA contrast minimums
- Updates to application submission response guidelines and styling.
  - Application page limit removed
  - Response formatting clarified and simplified
  - Response limit set at one page each
  - Supporting documentation should be uploaded individually and without duplication
  - Documentation reference guidelines clarified
- Removal of limit to LTIP Township Set-Aside
  - No updates to proposed changes
- Criteria A2) Age
  - MORPC will now perform weighted average calculation
  - Reduced information requested from applicants
- Criteria A6) Economic Growth and Development
  - Proposed changes now include retail jobs
- Criteria A8) Public Involvement
  - Proposed changes have been simplified into four public involvement elements without separate categories.
- Criteria A16) Joint Financial Partnerships
  - No updates to proposed changes

During the meeting, the committee discussed the following changes that are to be included in the final approved SFY 2028 Applicant Manual.

- Criteria A2) Age
  - Clarify that measurement amounts are for the existing infrastructure
  - Update measurement amount for 'Traffic signals' to be the number of intersections
  - Update measurement amount for 'Pump, lift station, equipment' to be the count of existing equipment
- Criteria A8) Public Involvement
  - Update language to explicitly include virtual meetings

During the meeting, the committee also discussed adjusting the criterion or including an additional criteria specific to a project's environmental benefits. Additionally, there was discussion to evaluate the criterion in respect to how bridge projects score. These adjustments are to be considered as potential changes for the SFY 2029 Applicant Manual.

Chair Scocco entertained a motion to approve the SFY 2028 Applicant Manual with the additional committee changes. Joe Martin moved to approve the applicant manual, Ken Heigel seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

4. Other Business

Jim Pajk asked the committee what would be considered the construction start of an OPWC project and if clarification could be made to the definition of construction start. Tom Graham explained that district 3 can change what the district considers the start of construction for project evaluation, but for project funding, OPWC considers the construction start date to be the actual start of construction. Tom Graham will reach out to OPWC for further clarification.

5. Adjournment

Chair Scocco adjourned the meeting at 11:22 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Schmuhl
District 3 Liaison

Ohio Public Works Commission
District 3 – Franklin County

Memorandum

To: District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee

From: Dan Schmuhl, District 3 Liaison

Date: October 14, 2026

Subject: Requests for Exceptions to Delinquent Projects Policy

District 3 has a policy to encourage funding recipients to complete construction and close out projects with OPWC without undue delay. A project that does not begin construction and close out in a timely fashion is considered delinquent. Consequently, the sponsoring agency of a delinquent project is not eligible to receive full credit for Criterion S10 on its current applications for SFY 2028.

If circumstances outside an applicant's control significantly delay the construction schedule for a project, including delays attributable to the use of federal funds, the PWIC may approve an exception. The PWIC will take action on these requests at the next meeting on October 16.

The table below summarizes projects that are considered delinquent from sponsoring agencies that have requested an exception for SFY 2028 (Round 41) applications.

Round Awarded	Applicant	Project Name	District 3 Requirement
35	Franklin County Sanitary Engineer	Ferris Road Sanitary Sewer Collections System Improvements	Close out by 06/30/2025
35	City of Whitehall	Broad Street and Hamilton Road Intersection Improvement	Close out by 06/30/2025
36	Reynoldsburg	Waggoner Road Improvements Phase I	Close out by 06/30/2026
38	Franklin County Sanitary Engineer	Mifflin #1 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase I	Award contract by 06/30/2025
39	Franklin County Sanitary Engineer	Water Distribution Improvements (S Grener, Miz, Emmit, and Sullivant Aves)	Award contract by 06/30/2026

The attached requests include explanations for the delays for the committee's consideration.

Attachments:

City of WHITEHALL
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October 12, 2026

Tyler Phelps
Associate Planner
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Subject: Whitehall East Broad Street and Hamilton Road (DCY01)

Dear Mr. Phelps,

The City of Whitehall respectfully requests an exception to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) delinquent project policy for the East Broad Street and Hamilton Road Intersection Improvement Project (DCY01), which was awarded funding through Round 35 (SFY 2022).

Since construction began, the project has encountered significant utility relocation delays that have impacted the construction schedule. This project is located within a heavily developed urban corridor containing extensive underground and overhead utility infrastructure. Despite proactive coordination efforts by the City, ODOT, the design team, and the contractor, several critical utility relocations have taken substantially longer than anticipated. These delays were outside the control of the City and have directly affected the project's ability to remain on its original schedule.

As a federally funded project administered through ODOT, construction oversight and administration are being performed by ODOT. While the City has remained actively involved in project coordination, our ability to direct construction activities and utility relocation efforts has been limited by the project's administration structure. Nevertheless, both the City and ODOT have worked diligently with utility companies throughout construction to minimize impacts and maintain project progress whenever possible.

In 2025, construction activities were delayed approximately five months while awaiting the relocation of communication duct banks that conflicted with the proposed improvements. Subsequently, during the spring of 2026, the project experienced an additional six-month delay resulting from the relocation of utility poles and associated facilities located within the intersection. These utility conflicts represented critical-path activities that prevented advancement of construction. The contractor's current approved schedule anticipates substantial completion in early summer 2027.

Given the fact that these circumstances were outside of the City's control, we are requesting that the Public Works Integrating Committee grant an exception to the delinquent project policy. Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding the project schedule or utility-related delays, please do not hesitate to contact me. We would be happy to coordinate a discussion with ODOT project staff and provide any documentation necessary to support this request.

Sincerely,

Casey Rowlands

Casey Rowlands
City of Whitehall

Reynoldsburg
OHIO · 1839

October 13th, 2026

Tyler Phelps
Associate Planner | Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio
43215

Re: Waggoner Road Improvement Project (Phase I) Extension Request

Mr. Phelps,

The City of Reynoldsburg is formally requesting an extension for the Waggoner Road Improvements (Phase I) Project (CC032/CC04Z). The request is needed as a result of project delays outside of the City, or our contractors control. Specifically, we encountered private utility (power, gas, telecom, etc.) delays that lasted upwards of six months. Also during construction it also became evident that the bridge over the French Run would need to be replaced, as opposed to simply just repairing the decking per the construction drawings. The redesign and construction of this new bridge took several months to complete. The City is hopefully to have all items pertaining to this project completed in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions please contact me via email at wdorman@reynoldsburg.gov or phone 614 322 6884.

Respectfully,

William Dorman
Public Service Director

Ferris Road Sanitary Sewer Collections System Improvements - this project has been hampered by the need to acquire an easement from the City of Columbus (Parks and Rec) to allow for the connection to the Columbus system. To make things a little more complicated, ODOT has an existing easement where FCSE needs said easement, wherein a bureaucratic conundrum was created. It has taken several years to get to the point where we are now (easement discussions started with Columbus in summer 2023), but the easement issue has been addressed and FCSE believes the execution of the easement to be forthcoming. It can be argued that the difficulty in acquiring this easement was beyond what a reasonable person would expect.

Water Distribution Improvements (S Grener, Miz, Emmit, and Sullivant Aves) - this project was hampered by a delay in acquiring the professional services necessary to allow for engineering/design. It took significantly longer to evaluate the SOQs, in light of proposed changes to the evaluation process proposed by the County, and to negotiate a contract than originally anticipated. The good news is that the engineering firm ultimately contracted is familiar with FCSE project requirements and is making an effort to expedite this project. It can be anticipated that construction will commence in the first quarter of 2027.

Mifflin #1 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase I - this project was delayed due to the need to coordinate with ODOT on the closure of the intersection of Innis Road and Westerville Road (ODOT wants night or weekend work). This issue has been resolved and Arcadis is currently in the process of putting bid documents together. It is anticipated that this project will be let for bid by the end of the year. The negotiations with ODOT were not anticipated originally in the schedule and delayed the project.

Adam W. Fowler, P.E., P.S. | Franklin County Engineer

August 6, 2026

District 3, Public Works Integrating Committee
Ohio Public Works Commission
c/o MORPC
Attn: Ms. Edwina Teye
111 Liberty Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Ms. Teye,

It is with great interest and enthusiasm that I present, for the consideration of the District 3 Integrating Committee, this letter of recommendation to appoint our Development Coordinator, Mr. Matthew Brown to serve on the District 3 Natural Resources Assistance Council for the next appointment duration.

Mr. Brown has served on the NRAC since 2016. He is currently the Development Coordinator for the Franklin County Engineer's Office and is responsible for coordinating the Office's private development plan review processes and assisting the development community in navigating private development and subdivision approval processes. Matt was previously employed for over 17 years in the County's Economic Development and Planning Department administering Franklin County's zoning, subdivision, and floodplain regulations and providing land use planning services to townships and villages.

Based on his experience and dedication to Franklin County's sustainable growth and development, I am recommending Mr. Brown continue to serve on the NRAC. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Adam W. Fowler

Adam W. Fowler, P.E., P.S.
Franklin County Engineer

City of WHITEHALL
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August 26, 2026

District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee
c/o Edwina Teye
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Subject: Natural Resource Assistance Council Nomination of Shannon Brady

Dear Ms. Teye,

I am writing on behalf of the Whitehall Parks and Recreation Commission to nominate Shannon Brady to the Public Works District 3 Natural Resource Assistance Council to continue serving for a second term.

Ms. Brady serves as the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Whitehall and has held several roles in the agency over the past 12 years. She is dedicated to the community and is a champion of conservation and natural equity. She is an experienced grant writer and has successfully administered Clean Ohio Conservation Fund awards in our city.

Attached is the completed application for the appointment of this seat and Ms. Brady's statement of background and qualifications.

Please let this letter serve as submission of Shannon Brday's nomination to the Natural Resource Assistance Council for their approval and selection.

If you have further questions, I can be reached at 614-596-0404.

Respectfully,

John Fetters, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Commission
City of Whitehall
721 Country Club Rd. Whitehall, Ohio 43213

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Applications Received Summary for Round 41 (SFY 2028)

ID	Agency	Project	Type[2]	Total Est Cost	SCIP Requested Grant	SCIP Requested Loan	OR[1]	LTIP Requested Grant Only	Amt Requested
City							OR		
41-C-01	Canal Winchester	Hill Road Improvements	Road	$4,231,115	$1,199,541	$1,916,150		$3,538,803	$3,538,803
41-C-02	Gahanna	Hamilton Road Urban Paving Project	Road	$3,065,691	$867,773	$0		$867,773	$867,773
41-C-03	Grove City	Quail Creek Boulevard Improvements	Road	$6,689,500	$2,499,999	$2,500,000		$6,689,500	$6,689,500
41-C-04	Hilliard	Cosgray/Jeffrelyn/Hoffman Farms Improvements	Road	$4,130,000	$990,000	$1,000,000		$2,260,000	$2,260,000
41-C-05	New Albany	Morse Road, Beech Road, & Clark State Road Roundabout	Road	$5,320,000	$498,995	$500,995		$2,385,539	$2,385,539
41-C-06	Reynoldsburg	Brice Road Corridor Revitalization and Active Transportation Improvements	Road	$12,830,950	$3,749,999	$1,250,000		$6,550,402	$6,550,402
41-C-07	Westerville	Sunbury Road at Central College Intersection Improvement	Road	$4,108,000	$2,298,000	$1,810,000		$3,008,000	$4,108,000
41-C-08	Whitehall	East Broad Street Improvements, Phase 5	Road	$3,730,171	$2,793,898	$936,273		$3,730,171	$3,730,171
City of Columbus							OR		
41-CC-01	Columbus	530103-100066 Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Broad St.-Outerbelt ST to Reynoldsburg-New Albany RD	Road	$28,806,200	$3,744,999	$1,255,000		$4,999,999	$4,999,999
41-CC-02	Columbus	530161-100221 Roadway - Leonard Ave. Improvements under RR Bridge	Road	$2,223,875	$748,999	$251,000		$999,999	$999,999
41-CC-03	Columbus	538014-100000 Intersection - Roberts Rd at Frazell Rd/Spindler Rd	Road	$5,652,506	$997,999	$1,002,000		$1,999,999	$1,999,999
41-CC-04	Columbus	538025-100000 Intersection - Greenlawn - Thurman at High	Road	$4,206,788	$1,497,999	$502,000		$1,999,999	$1,999,999
County							OR		
41-FC-01	Franklin County Engineer's Office	Alum Creek Drive (SR 317 to Groveport Road)	Road	$61,143,910	$999,999	$0		$1,168,256	$1,168,256
41-FC-02	Franklin County Engineer's Office	Cassady Avenue (Plaza Properties Boulevard to Agler Road)	Road	$12,878,220	$749,999	$250,000		$999,999	$999,999

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ID	Agency	Project	Type[2]	Total Est Cost	SCIP Requested Grant	SCIP Requested Loan	OR[1]	LTIP Requested Grant Only	Amt Requested
41-FC-03	Franklin County Engineer's Office	Dempsey Road, Winchester Pike and Noe-Bixby Road Pedestrian Improvements	Road	$1,913,614	$398,609	$153,089		$226,383	$551,698
41-FC-04	Franklin County Engineer's Office	Frank Road Bridge over Early Run	Bridge/Culvert	$4,652,445	$749,999	$250,000		$999,999	$999,999
41-FC-05	Franklin County Engineer's Office	Richardson Road Drainage Improvements	Stormwater	$1,760,681	$679,807	$679,806		$0	$1,359,613
41-FC-06	Franklin County Sanitary Engineer	Timberlake Water Distribution System Improvements Project	Water Supply	$10,451,103	$416,500	$4,583,499		$0	$4,999,999
Township							OR		
41-T-01	Hamilton	Fishburn Full-Depth Replacement	Road	$287,219	$238,497	$26,500		$252,858	$264,997
41-T-02	Jackson	Young Road Resurfacing	Road	$223,013	$124,957	$0		$124,957	$124,957
Village							OR		
41-V-01	Lockbourne	Road Resurfacing Project - Phase 2	Road	$517,085	$500,000	$0		$500,000	$500,000
41-V-02	Riverlea	Riverlea Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Project SFY 2028	Wastewater	$207,160	$0	$145,290		$0	$145,290
41-V-03	Urbancrest	Urbancrest 2026 OPWC Resurfacing Program	Road	$499,802	$499,802	$0		$499,802	$499,802
			Totals	**$179,529,048**	**$27,246,370**	**$19,011,602**		**$43,802,438**	**$51,744,794**

Max Total Requested[3] $51,744,794		
SCIP Available $23,942,000	**LTIP Available** $7,017,000	
Total Available $30,959,000		

[1] **OR**: Road and Bridge/Culvert Projects can receive an award of funds from either SCIP or LTIP, but not from both.
[2] **Type**: Road and Bridge/Culvert projects are eligible for both SCIP and LTIP. All other project types are ineligible for LTIP.
[3] **Max Total Requested**: For projects requesting funds from either SCIP or LTIP, the larger of the two requests was used in this sum.