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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMISSION MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
TOWN HALL

Thursday, November 12, 2026
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1:30 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), MORPC Chair

   - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

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

   - **208 Update –** Jessica Kuenzli, MORPC Chief Regional Planning Officer

William Murdock, AICP *Executive Director*
Ben Kessler *Chair*
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- **Reserve & Investment Subcommittee Update** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
  - **Proposed Resolution 26-26: "Adopting a revised agency operating reserve policy"**

- **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

4. **New Members** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

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

   - **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)"**

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

Boards and Roundtables

6. **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Jeff Stauch (Union County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair

7. **Regional Data Roundtable** – Robyn Stewart (City of Worthington), Regional Data Roundtable Chair

   - **Data & Mapping Update –** Dave Dixon, MORPC Director of Analytics & Strategy

8. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Sloan Spalding (City of New Albany), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

   - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Interim Chief Operating Officer & Chief Strategy Officer

9. **Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (MPO)** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Central Ohio MPO Board Chair

   a. **Call to Order and Chair Update** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Central Ohio MPO Board Chair

   b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Update** – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Development Officer

c. Get Ready Initiative – Maria Schaper, MORPC Transportation Study Director and Erin Grushon (Burgess & Niple), Transportation Planning Section Director

d. Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Consent Agenda

1) Approval of **September 10, 2026 Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Meeting Minutes**
2) **Proposed Resolution T-17-26**: **"Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program"**

e. Adjourn Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (MPO) – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Central Ohio MPO Board Chair

10. Commission Consent Agenda

a. Approval of **September 10, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes**
b. 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)"
c. Proposed Resolution 28-26: **"Authorizing the executive director to apply for and execute a grant agreement for 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"**
d. Approval of Actions of the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board

11. Other Business

3:00 p.m. **12. Adjourn** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), MORPC Chair

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The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, December 10, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
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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 MORPC PLANNING COMMISSION

MORPC Monthly Agency Report

Septemrber-October 2026

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CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

Transit, Mobility & Human Services:
Mobility Management efforts expanded outreach and accessible mobility education, addressed 32 resident cases, and applied for the 2027–2028 Section 5310 Mobility Management grant.

MORPC advanced Gohio Commute initiatives by establishing three new vanpools, conducting focus groups to improve participation, and advancing procurement for the statewide Gohio platforms. The statewide commuter challenge generated 1,668 trips and reduced CO_2 emissions by 5.45 tons.

Team Members are preparing an application for up to $200,000 in ODOT transit funding to support the Regional Mobility Plan and Gohio Commute/Gohio Mobility platforms.

Active Transportation & Safety:
MORPC continued development of the Regional Active Transportation Plan, including data collection, existing conditions analysis, and regional engagement.

Team Members finalized the US-23 “Pathways for People” Active Transportation Plan and continued coordination with ODOT on US-23 improvements and multimodal priorities.

MORPC completed participation in a national pilot on using active transportation data in decision-making and presented on safety data at the Ohio Active Transportation Conference.

Team Members advanced regional active transportation partnerships through Delaware walk audits, the Delaware County Trails Forum, and the Active Transportation Working Group, including discussions on trails, ADA accessibility, and bike-bus initiatives.

MORPC advanced regional transportation safety efforts through participation in Ohio State’s Safe Streets for Buckeyes planning, safety evaluations of OPWC and MPO funding applications, regional safety committee coordination, and Complete Streets reviews of four projects.

Team Members launched the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan update and Non-Motorized Data Program Development Plan as part of MORPC’s SS4A grant. The work will establish regional safety priorities for the next four years and support future pedestrian safety projects, data collection, and Complete Streets safety audits.

Community Development:
Central Ohio Greenways (COG) continues to advance the Regional Trail Vision, including planning for trails, bikeways, blueways, gateways, and eco-ways.

The BLOOM initiative advanced with additional funding to develop a Trail Design Guide focused on ecologically sensitive trail corridors, expected in early 2027.

MORPC continues to engage member communities on housing challenges and opportunities, promoting the identification of barriers and solutions through Community Assistance Programs and outreach efforts. Team Members are exploring ways to build on the Regional Housing Strategy and monitoring implementation of the ROAD to Housing Act for potential regional benefits.

Interested in a housing or growth workshop for your community's elected officials, staff, or community leaders? MORPC is accepting requests and will partner with you to design a tailored agenda, including recommended speakers and clearly defined learning objectives. Contact Juliana Silveira at jsilveira@morpc.org.

Sustainability:
Team Members continued Regional Sustainability Roundtable and Sustainable2050 activities, including sustainability certification efforts and collaboration with SWACO on commercial and multi-family recycling. The Sustainable2050 program remains open to MORPC members, with tier certification opportunities beginning in spring 2027.

The Central Ohio Water Advisory Council (COWAC) toured the City of Columbus' Blueprint Columbus projects to learn about green infrastructure, stormwater management, and community benefits. The Council will next focus on advancing priorities from the recently completed Strategic Framework Action Plan.

208 Areawide Designation Process:
MORPC continues to coordinate with Ohio EPA on pursuing 208 designation, including the proposed decision-making process and scope of work to support regional wastewater and water quality management planning.

Energy Planning:
Through the Sustainable Cities Project, MORPC partnered with the American Addition and Driving Park neighborhoods to expand air quality monitoring and community education. Outreach included neighborhood workshops, a Franklin County digital awareness campaign, and participation in the Big Table to promote air quality monitoring and help residents reduce exposure to poor air quality.

Data & Mapping:
The Regional Data Roundtable and its working groups advanced initiatives related to data governance and cybersecurity, housing data and research, GIS, and regional information sharing. Key activities included discussion of MORPC's population projections, Data Day 2027 planning, transportation surveying, improved data management practices, and collaboration around housing affordability and air quality data.

Team Members continued modernizing MORPC's data infrastructure, including development of a database for Leaders Listen surveys and standardized data structures for key planning datasets and MORPC Insights. Staff also advanced data accessibility, licensing, and tools to improve data quality, consistency, and future cloud deployment.

MORPC finalized 2025–2055 county population, household, and employment projections and continued updating MORPC Insights with current, more accessible data. Team Members also advanced air quality data management, prepared the transportation-focused Leaders Listen survey, participated in the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership, and fulfilled regional data requests.

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

Community-Based Planning Assistance:
The Community-Based Planning Assistance Program continues to be a valuable resource for members. Members can learn more and request assistance from the program by visiting https://www.morpc.org/community-based-planning-assistance or contacting Juliana Silveira at jsilveira@morpc.org.

MORPC advanced community planning assistance through parks accessibility analysis for Jefferson Township, completion of temporary planning support for Reynoldsburg, and coordination of upcoming planning initiatives in South Bloomfield and Perry County.

Planner Pool Program
Members may submit applications through the Planner Pool Program for assistance with planning, zoning, or sustainability needs and are encouraged to contact Juliana Silveira to discuss how MORPC can support their community.

MORPC is compiling a list of fixed-fee services to address common challenges facing Central Ohio communities and welcomes suggestions, which may be directed to Juliana Silveira at jsilveira@morpc.org.

Consultant Services Program
The Consultant Services Program supports communities throughout the RFP process by drafting documents, prequalifying consultants, reviewing proposals, and facilitating final presentations. Each year, the program prequalifies consultants to work on community-initiated long-range planning projects, including comprehensive plans, zoning updates, economic development initiatives, public engagement efforts, neighborhood plans, housing strategies, active transportation plans, and parking studies. Pre-qualified consultants for the 2026 program year and additional information can be found at: https://www.morpc.org/consultant-services-program/.

If you have an RFP you would like advertised through the Consultant Services Program or need assistance with developing one, contact consultantservices@morpc.org or Juliana Silveira at jsilveira@morpc.org.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

Passenger Rail:
MORPC advanced passenger rail planning through the Central Ohio Passenger Rail Advisory Council, strategic technical support from Big Sky Consulting, and participation in the RailNation: Toledo conference.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
Team Members conducted stakeholder and public engagement to inform development of the MTP goals and guiding principles, including workshops with CAC and TAC members, virtual community workshops, and pop-up events throughout Central Ohio. A public survey was also launched and promoted to gather additional community input.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient:
The FY2026 Section 5310 funding cycle closed October 30, with $1.9 million available for projects in the Columbus Urbanized Area. FTA approved the FY2025 award, and Team Members executed all related subrecipient contracts in October. The 5310 Advisory Working Group will evaluate FY2026 applications and develop the recommended Program of Projects in November.

Work continued on the Group Transit Asset Management Plan for Section 5310 providers. MORPC and regional partners also submitted a $900,000 federal grant application to expand the Venture Local app and improve cross-county mobility options in Central Ohio.

LinkUS:
The LinkUs Technical Coordinating Committee recommended updates to the Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Program Policies and 2027–2031 Capital Improvement Program. Solicitation began for project status updates and new TSI funding requests. The TSI-funded Shier Rings Road Shared-Use Path broke ground, and the LinkUS Northwest BRT Corridor advanced to 60% design.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):
CORPO held subcommittee meetings in all seven counties and completed public review of the SFY 2028–2029 Dedicated Funds Policies with no comments or changes. The CORPO Board will consider the policies for approval in November.

Technical Assistance Grants Program:
Technical Assistance work continued for Gahanna and Lockbourne, while the Technical Assistance Grant Program advanced with consultants selected for Q2 projects and three Q3 awards for Blendon Township, Sunbury, and Violet Township.

MORPC MPO Funding:
Team Members advanced the SFY 2027–2033 MPO funding process by reviewing and evaluating new funding applications, approving updates to existing commitments, and assessing funding requests against available resources to develop draft funding scenarios.

Infrastructure:
Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
MORPC advanced SFY 2028 Round 41 infrastructure funding by processing and evaluating applications, coordinating with applicants and the Public Works Integrating Committee, and working with OPWC on program policies and procedures.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund
Applications are open through December 4 for individuals interested in serving on the Natural Resource Assistance Councils (NRAC) for Districts 3 and 17.

The District 3 NRAC received six applications requesting $7.48 million in Clean Ohio funding and conducted site visits to evaluate proposed projects. Funding recommendations will be made in November.

The District 17 NRAC received four applications requesting $5.04 million in Clean Ohio funding and conducted site visits to evaluate the proposed projects. Funding recommendations will be made in November.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC):
MORPC completed regional project priority rankings and participated in TRAC meetings, including review of the 2026 draft funding recommendations for Central Ohio projects.

Economic Development:
The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update continues, with the Advisory Committee expected to finalize the evaluation framework and recommended revisions in November. The updated CEDS will be available for public comment from December 7, 2026, through January 15, 2027.

MORPC received 23 Competitive Advantage Project nominations across seven counties. Following internal evaluation, input from One Columbus and the CEDS Committee will inform recommendations to the Central Ohio Economic Development District Board in December.

The Regional Economic Development Academy hosted its Responsible Data Center Development course, covering economic impacts, zoning considerations, and community resources. Three courses remain in 2026, focusing on housing solutions, community engagement, and rural development.

CPCS was selected to lead the Regional Freight Plan, which will guide regional priorities for freight mobility, infrastructure, economic competitiveness, and supply chain resilience. Development of the plan includes coordination with MORPC and the Central Ohio Freight Advisory Council to incorporate stakeholder input and emerging freight trends.

PAY IT FORWARD

Membership Services:
Membership Services completed 25 member visits and attended 7 member events.

Member Services activities included completing orientations for new Board members and supporting ongoing member benefits through newsletter content, GrantFinder, and CDFA enrollment. Staff also prepared financial analyses, letters, and summary materials highlighting member return on investment for upcoming distribution.

Summer Intern Program:
Recruitment efforts for the 2027 Summer Intern Program continued through career fairs and student outreach at Miami University, Ohio State, and Ohio University. Team Members also completed recruitment materials, conducted classroom presentations, and opened the application period to secure host organizations for the 2027 program.

Public Involvement & Engagement:
MORPC expanded community outreach and engagement efforts by participating in several regional events, including:

- FCBDD Provider and Community Resource Fair
- Latinos In Transit Leadership Summit
- EXPO Partners – City of Columbus Orientation
- Affordable Housing Resource Fair
- Miami University: Government & Nonprofit Career Day
- OSU Construction, Civil & Environmental Career Day
- Fall Career and Internship Fair
- Rooted and Rising, Community Resources and Trails Event
- Touch- A- Truck, Franklin County Engineers Event.

Links to press releases and news article for the month are available at News – MORPC.org.

Events:
Completed Events
- September 10 – Pre-Commission Luncheon: Tom Schmid, President & CEO, Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
- October 28 – Summit on Sustainability

Upcoming Events
- November 12 – Pre-Commission Luncheon: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Goals Workshop

MORPC Annual Salary & Fringe Benefit Survey:
The 2026 Annual Salary & Fringe Benefit Survey was released in early October.

Personnel Updates:
MORPC is currently recruiting for the following positions:
- Accounting Operations Associate
- Central Ohio Greenways Intern
- Economic Development Intern
- Chief Financial Officer
- Customer Service Outreach Specialist

The requirements for the posted positions are available for review on the website at http://www.morpc.org/careers/.

RFP/RFQ Postings
The following RFP's/RFQ's were posted:
- Gohio Commute Platform (for OARC) (closed October 23)
- HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Programs
- Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Programs

The full RFP/RFQs are available at http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqs/.

Click here to view the detailed September-October 2026 Metropolitan Planning Organization Report.

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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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Executive Director

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Secretary

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.

I. Operating Cash Flow:

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.

The ultimate responsibility for investment oversight resides with the Executive Committee. The Chair of the Reserve and Investment Subcommittee shall monitor the investment portfolio for compliance with this policy.

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DATE: October 30, 2026

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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.

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

Attachment: Resolution 23-26

William Murdock, AICP
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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
For action date:	November 12, 2026
Attachment:	Associate Member Benefit Guide

Associate Member Benefit Guide

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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 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.

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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 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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Memorandum

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

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.

William Murdock, AICP
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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:

<table>
<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:
<table>
<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>5</td></tr>
<tr><td>Less than 2 but greater than or equal to 1</td><td>10</td></tr>
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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><td>Less than 2 but greater than or equal to 1</td><td>25</td></tr>
<tr><td>Less than 1</td><td>30</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

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2026
Time: 2:43 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Members Present

LaGrieta Acheampong
Chris Amorose Groomes
Lourdes Barroso De Padilla
Joe Begeny
Michael Bivens
Lee Bodnar
Gary Burkholder
Jodi Burroughs
Ben Collins
Gary Collins
Brad Ebersole
David Efland
Jamie Fisher
Cindi Fitzpatrick
Adam Fowler
James Jewell
Ben Kessler
Laura Kunze
Bill LaFayette
Kris Long
Rory McGuiness
Eric Meyer
Kevin Pangrace
Matt Peoples
Rod Pritchard
Nicole Randazzio
Joshua Rauch
Steve Schoeny
Kelly Scocco
Ike stage
Matt Starr
Joe Steager
Andy Volenik
Jeff Washburn
Trenton Weaver
Andrew Williams
Rachel Zelazny

Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Members Viewing Live Stream

Herb Asher
Carson Combs
Dave Gulden
Laurie Jadwin
Carol Kauffman
Joseph Laborie
Erin Prosser
Devayani Puranik
Maria Ramirez
Bernita Reese
Eric Richter
Jackie Russell
Chris Sharrock
Brandon Standley
Joe Stefanov
Robyn Stewart

Commission Members Present

Joe Antram
Chase Bennett
Jamie Brucker
Grace Byler
Jeff Hall
Lisa McCutcheon
Kimberly Sharp

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Bill Habig
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Meeting Called to Order – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Central Ohio MPO Board Chair
Chair Ben Kessler called the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Meeting to order at 2:43 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Central Ohio MPO Board Chair and Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Development Officer
Ben Kessler and Parag Agrawal presented the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Update. MORPC is launching the 2028-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), a federally required document that establishes the region's transportation investment priorities for the next 25 years. To help update the plan's goals, objectives, and performance measures, MORPC will conduct a series of pop-up events, workshops, and online surveys from September through November 2026. Contact MORPC staff for additional information or to get involved.

MORPC partnered with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, The Ohio State University, and the Transportation Research Center to pursue a federal grant aimed at improving mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities. The proposed Venture Regional project will develop a trip reservation and coordination application and explore circulator bus services to better connect cross-county transportation options. MORPC is seeking approximately $1 million in federal funding, with a local match of about $200,000, and anticipates an award announcement in the coming months.

Mr. Agrawal shared information on the FY 2026 Section 5310 funding cycle, which supports transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. Over the past five years, MORPC has awarded approximately $8.5 million through the program. This year, approximately $1.9 million is available for projects such as vehicle purchases, preventive maintenance, mobility management, and contracted transportation services. Applications open September 30 and close October 30, with an informational workshop scheduled for September 30.

MORPC is updating its Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), a long-range blueprint that guides approximately $35 billion in transportation investments across Central Ohio over the next 25 years. The update includes a comprehensive review of the plan's goals and objectives, the first of its kind since 2014. To support this effort, MORPC is conducting extensive public outreach and stakeholder engagement, including a workshop on November 12 focused on shaping the future vision and priorities of the region's transportation system.

MORPC's Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) program launched its next application cycle, supporting strategic infrastructure investments that advance regional economic growth. Eligible projects include transportation, housing, water, sewer, and other infrastructure initiatives. While the program does not provide direct funding, MORPC offers advocacy, grant support, and project development assistance. The current application round opened August 31 and closes September 25, with selected projects scheduled for presentation to the Central Ohio Economic Development District Board in December.

Proposed Resolution T-14-26: "Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2026 for TRAC Funding" – Dan Schmuhl, MORPC TIP Manager
Dan Schhuhl presented MORPC TRAC Applications Regional Priorities. MORPC completed its regional prioritization of projects seeking funding through ODOT's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) program, which supports major transportation capacity and economic development projects. Six Central Ohio projects were evaluated using Metropolitan Transportation Plan goals, including sustainability, economic opportunity, regional collaboration, and community well-being, along with public input received during the comment period. MORPC submitted its rankings to TRAC with the goal of securing continued investment in key regional transportation improvements.

Emily Keeler made a motion to approve Resolution T-14-26, second by Trenton Weaver; motion passed.

Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Consent Agenda
Gary Collins made a motion to approve the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Consent Agenda, second by Bill LaFayette; motion passed.

The Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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Matthew Starr, Secretary
Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board

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Memorandum

TO: Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Director

DATE: October 28, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-17-26: **"Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program"**

Proposed Resolution T-17-26 will add, modify, or remove four (4) projects on the SFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In January, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Continued maintenance of the TIP is a key element of implementing strategies in the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation (MTP). The projects included in this amendment specifically relate to implementation of these MTP strategies:

- OP 8: Manage, improve and coordinate human service, private and public transportation, to better meet the needs and fill the gaps
- BP 3: Build safe and comfortable infrastructure for walking and bicycling
- BP 7: Ensure neighborhoods and activity centers have safe and comfortable connections for walking and bicycling to transit networks
- TRAN 5: Implement appropriate additional/innovative service to address first/last mile needs
- RDWY 3: Construct new interchanges, where appropriate, to alleviate congestion or support regional development goals

William Murdock, AICP *Executive Director*
Ben Kessler *Chair*
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Matthew Starr *Secretary*

- RDWY 5: Add capacity, where appropriate, at locations such as intersections to alleviate existing congestion that hinders economic activity

- RDWY 6: Construct new roadways, where appropriate, to alleviate congestion or support regional or local development goals

- RDWY 7: Provide efficient connectivity of local roads to the arterial and collector roadway system

- SYS 1: Collaborate to ensure localized and regional transportation systems needs are addressed in development decisions

- SYS 2: Develop transportation system to serve all demographic population groups

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of the projects, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components.

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

ODOT – District 6: The following modification to the TIP is being made for an ODOT project:

- PID 106960, DEL-Sunbury Parkway Phase B (Sunbury Parkway extension and I-71 interchange modification): Adjustment of air quality status from exempt to non-exempt (analyzed) and increase in right of way phase budget from $4,200,000 to $6,674,863 due to an additional funding award.

City of Dublin: The following removal from the TIP is being made for a City of Dublin project:

- PID 122127, FRA Emerald Connector (New bridge from Emerald Parkway to Tuller Road): Removal of construction phase from SFY 2029 to an out year with local commitment of $17,589,800. Removal of committed funding phase within active TIP years triggers the removal of this project from the TIP.

City of Sunbury: The following addition to the TIP is being made for a City of Sunbury project:

- PID 126949, DEL Sunbury Parkway Phase D (Sunbury Parkway extension and I-71 interchange modification): Added environmental phase to the project in SFY 2027 with funding commitment totaling $1,250,000. Adding this committed funding phase within active TIP years triggers the addition of this project to the TIP.

Delaware County Transit Board: The following modification to the TIP is being made for a DCT project:

- PID 118101, S2027 DCT Operating (assistance for standard operating budget): Reducing total subaward amount from $4,684,813 to $862,510 as a result of the actual ODOT SFY 2027 Urban Transit Program award amount.

Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-17-26

RESOLUTION T-17-26

"Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program"

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio MPO Board of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-6-25; and

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2026-2029 TIP has been identified as needed for an ODOT – District 6 project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project removal from the 2026-2029 TIP has been identified as needed for a City of Dublin project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project addition to the 2026-2029 TIP has been identified as needed for a City of Sunbury project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2026-2029 TIP has been identified as needed for a Delaware County Transit Board project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the projects are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) adopted by the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (formerly known as the Transportation Policy Committee); and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting November 9, 2026, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on November 4, 2026, recommended approval of this resolution to the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL OHIO MPO BOARD OF THE **MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2026-2029 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.

Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2026-2029 TIP is maintained.

Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as one project is exempt from conformity requirements and three non-exempt projects was already included in the most recent approved air quality conformity, dated October of 2025.

Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2026-2029 TIP as modified.

Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.

Section 6. That the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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Ben Kessler, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2026-2029 TIP

106960 - DEL-Sunbury Parkway Phase B

Ref ID: 106960: 26-29 STIP

PID:	Project Name:	Primary Work Category:	Sponsoring Agency:	Air Quality Status:
106960	DEL-Sunbury Parkway Phase B	New Roadway	District 6-Planning	Non-Exempt (Analyzed)
ODOT Dist(s):	**Locale(s):**	**MPO(s) / RTPO(s):**	**Performance Measures:**	**List Type:**
06	DEL	MORPC	PHED, TTRI (Interstate)	Individual

Termini:
DEL IR71 from new interchange to 3B's & K Rd

Total Project Estimate:
$23,628,863

Description:
Construct IR 71 NB and IR 71 SB entrance ramps and extend Sunbury Parkway to 3B's & K Rd

TIP Project Comments:

Revision Reason:
Revise Project Data

Revision Comments:

TIP Phases:

Phase	STIP Fund Type	Prior Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	Future Years	Total	Revision Reason / Comments
RW	Major Programs	$ -	$ -	$160,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$160,000	Revise Funding - Amount, Source, and/or Year
	State	$ -	$3,903,135	$2,611,728	$ -	$ -	$ -	$6,514,863	
Total RW		$ -	$3,903,135	$2,771,728	$ -	$ -	$ -	$6,674,863	
Total		$ -	$3,903,135	$2,771,728	$ -	$ -	$ -	$6,674,863	

122127 - FRA Emerald Connector

Ref ID: 122127: 26-29 STIP

PID:	Project Name:	Primary Work Category:	Sponsoring Agency:	Air Quality Status:
122127	FRA Emerald Connector	New Roadway	Dublin, City of	Non-Exempt (Analyzed)
ODOT Dist(s):	**Locale(s):**	**MPO(s) / RTPO(s):**	**Performance Measures:**	**List Type:**
06	FRA	MORPC	PHED	Individual

Termini:
Emerald Parkway-Tuller Connector over IR 270

Total Project Estimate:
$28,852,340

Description:
Connector from Emerald Parkway to Tuller Road including a new structure over IR 270.

TIP Project Comments:
MTP ID: 1871
Bicycle and Pedestrian Components Included: Yes, shared-use path on both sides
Additional Project Information: This project includes a commitment of MORPC MPO Funding

Bike/Ped Options

Revision Reason:
Remove Project - Funding Related

Revision Comments:

TIP Phases:

Phase	STIP Fund Type	Prior Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	Future Years	Total	Revision Reason / Comments
CO	Discretionary / Earmark	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	Remove Project - Funding Related
	MPO STBG	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	
	Local	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$17,589,800	$3,762,540	$21,352,340	
Total CO		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$17,589,800	$11,262,540	$28,852,340	
Total		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$17,589,800	$11,262,540	$28,852,340	

126949 - DEL Sunbury Parkway Phase D

Ref ID: 126949: 26-29 STIP

PID:	Project Name:	Primary Work Category:	Sponsoring Agency:	Air Quality Status:
126949	DEL Sunbury Parkway Phase D	New Roadway	Sunbury, City of	Non-Exempt (Analyzed)
ODOT Dist(s):	**Locale(s):**	**MPO(s) / RTPO(s):**	**Performance Measures:**	**List Type:**
06	DEL	MORPC		Individual

Termini:
Sunbury Parkway from Wilson Rd to S Galena Rd.

Total Project Estimate:
$1,250,000

Description:
Extend Sunbury Parkway to the east from Wilison Rd. to S. Galena Rd. including modifications to S. Galena Rd.

TIP Project Comments:

Revision Reason:
Add Project

Revision Comments:

TIP Phases:

Phase	STIP Fund Type	Prior Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	Future Years	Total	Revision Reason / Comments
ENV	Discretionary / Earmark	$ -	$ -	$1,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$1,000,000	Add Project
	Local	$ -	$ -	$250,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$250,000	
Total ENV		$ -	$ -	$1,250,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$1,250,000	
Total		$ -	$ -	$1,250,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$1,250,000	

118101 - S2027 DCT Operating

Ref ID: 118101: 26-29 STIP

PID:	Project Name:	Air Quality Status:	List Type:	Total TIP Period Estimate:
118101	S2027 DCT Operating	Exempt	Individual	$862,510

Project Description:
5307 Operating assistance

Revision reason:

Revision comments:

TIP Project Comments:
MTP ID: 5, 200
Additional Project Information: None

Subaward: 27 300903 UTP DCT

Subaward Name:	Grantee Agency:	Grantee District:	Grantee County:	Grantee MPO:
27 300903 UTP DCT	Delaware County Transit Board	06	DEL	MORPC

Quantity:

Scope:
300-00 (Operating Assistance)

ALI:
30.09.01 (Operating Assistance up to 50% Federal Share)

Revision Reason:
Revise Funding - Amount, Source, and/or Year
Revise Subaward Data

Revision Comments:

Subaward Funding:

STIP Fund Type	Pro Rata %	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
5307	50.00%	$ -	$431,255	$ -	$ -	$431,255
State	50.00%	$ -	$431,255	$ -	$ -	$431,255
Total		$ -	$862,510	$ -	$ -	$862,510

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Meeting Called to Order – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), MORPC Chair
Chair Ben Kessler called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Kessler announced his upcoming transition from Mayor of Bexley to Executive Director of the Regional Housing Coalition at the Columbus Partnership and noted that he will continue serving as Bexley's MORPC representative and Commission Chair.

Recognition of Guests and New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
Eileen Leuby welcomed the following guests:

- Greta Kearns, City of Grandview Heights
- Adam Maxwell, City of Grandview Heights
- Jordan Selmek, City of Grandview Heights
- Christy Clark, City of Grandview Heights
- Erin Hall, City of Grandview Heights
- Curtis Dickess, Village of Shawnee Hills
- Amanda Gehres, City of Reynoldsburg
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- Jasmine Stewart, City of Reynoldsburg
- Jessica Rosenthal, City of Reynoldsburg
- John Gallagher, CESO
- Barry Adler, Jerome Township

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
William Murdock gave the Executive's Director Report commending Chair Kessler's leadership and commitment to regional housing efforts and expressed support for his new role with the Regional Housing Coalition. He also thanked those who attended the pre-Commission luncheon with Columbus Zoo & Aquarium President & CEO Tom Schmid.

Mr. Murdock reaffirmed MORPC's strategic priorities, highlighted key agenda items and regional initiatives, and provided updates on advocacy efforts related to housing, transportation, and MPO governance. Other agenda items include a proposed policy to provide temporary dues relief for member communities facing state-declared fiscal distress, routine consent agenda items, TIP amendments, and advancement of the Regional Freight Plan.

Mr. Murdock reminded members that there is no October meeting. He also urged members to take copies of MORPC's regional bike and trail maps for community distribution.

Mr. Murdock encouraged members to consider MORPC opportunities when planning their 2027 budgets. Possible opportunities include the Local Government Summer Intern Program, technical assistance for trails and greenways, and community-specific housing initiatives. He noted strong demand for internship placements and ongoing efforts to expand programs and resources that address workforce, infrastructure, and housing needs.

Mr. Murdock highlighted the successful pilot housing initiative supported by Google that helps homeowners who fall just above eligibility thresholds for other assistance programs. Due to the pilot's success, Google expressed interest in expanding the program to support additional home energy-efficiency and housing improvement needs.

The Member Benefit of the Month is MORPC's Annual Salary and Fringe Benefit Survey which will be released soon. The survey offers members benchmarking data to support compensation and workforce planning efforts.

Mr. Murdock provided an update on passenger rail advocacy efforts, noting that MORPC did not receive the Federal-State Partnership grant, as awards were limited to existing routes. MORPC will continue pursuing future funding opportunities and has engaged a passenger rail consultant to help advance strategies for expanding rail connections between Central Ohio and other regions.

MORPC's Data Byte highlights a 10-year review of distributed energy resources across the region, including solar, wind, battery storage, natural gas, and waste gas. The analysis illustrates how communities are investing in energy capacity, grid resilience, and sustainability, with additional data available through MORPC's Data Team.

Mr. Murdock announced two upcoming training opportunities to help communities navigate data center development. Sessions will focus on economic development impacts, local decision-making, community engagement, and strategies for working with data center developers.

Upcoming events include The Big Table, a regional air quality discussion on September 29, and the Summit on Sustainability on October 28. The Summit features educational sessions, community leadership awards, and keynote speaker Charles Montgomery, author of *Happy City*.

Mr. Murdock announced that Chief Operating Officer Shawn Hufstedler is departing MORPC after 17 years to join the Houston-Galveston Area Council as their Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Murdock recognized Mr. Hufstedler's significant contributions to MORPC's operations, financial stewardship, and national leadership, noting the lasting impact of his service and congratulating him on this career advancement. Mr. Hufstedler reflected on his 17 years with MORPC, expressing gratitude for the organization's leadership, staff, and culture of regional collaboration. He noted that MORPC's national reputation is built on the collective efforts of its members and partners and emphasized the importance of continuing to work together to advance the region. He thanked the organization for the opportunity to contribute and make a positive impact.

Delaware County Transit – Andy Volenik, Delaware County Transit
Executive Director Andy Volenik gave an update on Delaware County Transit giving an overview of the agency's rapid growth, innovative on-demand transit model, and proposed transit expansion initiative. He highlighted a 174% increase in ridership since 2021, strong community demand for expanded service, and a ballot measure that would support additional service areas, extended operating hours, regional commuter connections, fleet expansion, and facility improvements to meet the needs of Delaware County's growing population.

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, MORPC Chief Operating Officer
Shawn Hufstedler presented the MORPC 2026 Revised Budget. The revised budget aligns funding with project timelines, updates appropriations, and authorizes the transfer of $5 million into the new Advance Fund.

Joe Antram made a motion to approve Resolution 19-26, second by LaGrieta Acheampong; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 21-26: "Adopting the Fiscal Distress Membership Policy" – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief Operating Officer
The proposed Fiscal Distress Membership Policy will allow temporary dues relief for member communities experiencing state-designated fiscal distress, subject to a formal review and approval process.

Gary Collins made a motion to approve Resolution 21-26, second by Emily Keeler; motion passed.

Population Projections & Estimates – Dave Dixon, MORPC Director of Data Analytics & Strategy
Dave Dixon presented the Population Estimates and Projections. Mr. Dixon noted there are no revisions following the presentation of the population estimates during last month's Commission meeting.

- **Proposed Resolution 16-26: "Establishing population estimates as a basis for 2027 annual participation fees to be assessed members"**
  Bill LaFayette made a motion to approve Resolution 16-26, second by Jodi Burroughs; motion passed.

Mr. Dixon presented updated regional population projections through 2055, showing continued growth under all scenarios, with the region projected to reach between 2.7 million and 3.1 million residents. The projections highlight slowing natural population growth, increasing reliance on migration, and uneven growth across counties. He emphasized the need for continued investment in housing, infrastructure, and regional planning, while encouraging communities to consider multiple growth scenarios when making long-term decisions.

Proposed Resolution 22-26: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements for April 1, 2027 through March 31, 2028, with the Frankin County Board of Commissioners for a home repair program" – Robert Williams, MORPC Senior Director of Residential Services
Resolution 22-26 authorizes a $1 million grant to continue MORPC's Franklin County Home Repair Program, which assists income-qualified homeowners with urgent repair needs.

Dave Efland made a motion to approve Resolution 22-26, second by Joe Antram; motion passed.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Michael Bivens (City of Whitehall), Regional Policy Roundtable Vice Chair
Michael Bivens gave the Regional Policy Roundtable Update highlighting discussions on housing affordability and the 2026 election at the September 1 Regional Policy Roundtable. Mayor Bivens shared information on the upcoming November Roundtable, ongoing development of MORPC's 2027-2028 Public Policy Agenda, and opportunities to stay engaged through the monthly member newsletter.

- **Legislative Update – Joseph Garrity, MORPC Chief Strategy Officer & Senior Director of External Relations and Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter**
  Joe Garrity and Steve Tugend gave the Legislative Update highlighting the following:
  - Federal Funding Continuing Resolution
  - Surface Transportation Reauthorization
  - 21st Century Road to Housing Act
  - Ohio Political Environment
  - HB 646 (Data Centers)
  - License Plate Reader regulation
  - Central Ohio Defense Group

Regional Sustainability Roundtable – Joe Lombardi (Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio), Regional Sustainability Roundtable Vice Chair
Joe Lombardi announced that the next Regional Sustainability Roundtable features a SWACO landfill tour and updates on MORPC sustainability initiatives, including the BLOOM (Building Landscapes of Opportunity and Mitigation) project. Mr. Lombardi encouraged members to participate in Zero Waste Week efforts and take advantage of free mattress recycling services.

- **Sustainable2050 Presentation – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC Director of Sustainability**
  Brandi Whetstone presented the Sustainable2050 Certifications recognizing three member communities for their sustainability achievements through the Sustainable2050 certification program. The program supports local governments in advancing sustainability initiatives and recognizes progress toward regional goals. Based on their accomplishments, the City of Grandview Heights earned Silver certification, the City of Reynoldsburg earned Gold certification, and the Village of Shawnee Hills earned Bronze certification. Ms. Whetstone highlighted enhancements to the certification process and ongoing efforts to showcase member sustainability achievements during Sustainable September.

Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Central Ohio MPO Board Chair
Chair Kessler called the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Session to order at 2:43 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:56 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda
Ike Stage made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Trenton Weaver; motion passed.

Other Business
William Murdock reminded members there is no Commission meeting in October.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Matthew Starr, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

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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
Chair

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Vice Chair

Matthew Starr
Secretary

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: 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.

MS:HR

Attachment: Resolution 28-26

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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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
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