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NOTICE OF A MEETING

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

December 3, 2026
9:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

9:00 a.m. **Welcome & Introductions –** Fritz Crosier, Chair

9:02 a.m. **Approval of November 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

9:03 a.m. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report –** Maria Schaper, MORPC, Dave Dixon, MORPC

9:10 a.m. **Funding Programs**
- MPO Funds Project Status Update – Dan Schmuhl, MORPC
- Resolution T-18-26: Amending the State Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Hannah Ruscin, MORPC

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

9:20 a.m. **Regional Planning Update**

- Resolution T-19-26: Adopting Goals and County Growth Scenarios for the 2028-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Thomas Graham, MORPC
- US-23 Active Transportation Plan – Jordan Petrov, MORPC

9:50 a.m. **Other Business**

- Officer Nominations – Maria Schaper, MORPC

10:00 a.m. **Adjourn**

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The MPO Funds Committee meeting will follow this meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting is
February 3, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: **November 4, 2026**
Time: **9:00 a.m.**
Location: **MORPC**

Members Present

Boucher, Christine	Cox, Barbara	Crosier, Fritz
Jenkins, Tiffany	Moorehead, John	Moran, Alan
Nittle, Tim	Owen, Jonathan	Peoples, Matthew
Schamp, Letty	Stargell, Reynaldo	Wilfong, Gary

Guests

Deer, Shane	Edwards, Rachel	Goodnight, Craig
Grushon, Erin	Hibbard, Tom	Parrill, Matt
Schuler, Alex	Shuey, Jennifer	Stevenson, Andrea

MORPC Staff

Agrawal, Parag	Dixon, Dave	Filitraut, Brian
Graham, Thomas	Kuenzli, Jessica	Olmsted, Patty
Phelps, Tyler	Porr, Adam	Reda, Eva
Roy-Dixon, Padmini	Sawicki, Elise	Schaper, Maria
Schmuhl, Dan		

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Chair Crosier called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Approval of September 2, 2026, Meeting Minutes

- Chair Crosier asked for a motion to approve September 2, 2026, meeting minutes. Ms. Schamp moved; Mr. Peoples seconded; and the motion passed.

III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Maria Schaper, MORPC / Dave Dixon, MORPC

- Ms. Schaper presented the following:
  - The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration conduct MORPC's certification review every four years. The review includes a document desk review, a November 19, 2026, site visit with MORPC staff, and public engagement through a short survey about interactions with MORPC and its engagement practices. Committee members were asked to complete and share the survey.

- MORPC launched the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan update and non-motorized data program on October 5, 2026, using a $1.2 million Safe Streets and Roads for All award, with Burgess and Niple supporting the work. Technical Assistance Grant recipients for the third quarter of 2026 were Blendon Township, the City of Sunbury, and Violet Township; the next program evaluation is scheduled for January 22, 2027.
- TRAC announced draft funding commitments totaling approximately $20 million for seven Central Ohio projects. TRAC was expected to vote on the draft list the following day, with public comments scheduled from November 11, 2026, through December 15, 2026, and a final vote planned for December 16, 2026.

- Mr. Dixon presented the following:
  - The Leaders Listen Transportation Survey is now open. The goal is to receive over 2000 responses from the 15-county area. The committee was encouraged to scan the QR code to participate.
  - The next MORPC event is the 5th annual Data Day which will take place February 18, 2027. Proposals are due November 30, 2026.
  - Data Byte Map of the Month was shared focusing on Distributed Energy Capacity. The map highlighted wind, solar, and battery storage capacity across rural counties in Ohio. Mr. Dixon noted the installations are important for the region's sustainability and economic competitiveness. For more information, please reach out to MORPC's Data Team.
  - The 20th annual 2026 Summit on Sustainability drew nearly 500 attendees and included sessions on transportation, air quality, water resources, energy, artificial intelligence, and data centers.

IV. Funding Programs

- MPO Funds Project Status Update – Dan Schmuhl, MORPC
  - Mr. Schmuhl highlighted two new encumbrances, STBG and TAP program for the State Route 161 Ambleside Drive to Maple Canyon was awarded construction.
  - One commitment was updated, a 10% administrative increase to the Cemetery Road project in Hilliard due to increased cost estimates.

V. Resolutions

- Resolution T-17-26: Amending the SFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Dan Schmuhl, MORPC
  - The amendment increased the right-of-way phase budget for the Sunbury Parkway extension and I-71 interchange modification from $4.2 million to $6,674,863 because of an additional funding award. It also added the environmental phase of the project to the TIP with $1.25 million in funding.
  - The Emerald Connector Bridge from Emerald Parkway to Tuller Road was removed from the active TIP because all funded phases moved beyond the current SFY 2026-2029 period. Dublin sought to move MORPC funding earlier to accelerate construction, but MORPC did not have funding available in the requested fiscal year, so the schedule was moved back out.
  - Delaware County Transit's operating-assistance funding was reduced to match the actual 5307 federal award rather than the amount previously

projected. MORPC had contacted Delaware County Transit for clarification and planned to provide an update when a response was received.

- Chair Crosier asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-17-26. Mr. Moorehead moved; Ms. Schamp seconded; and the motion passed.

VI. Regional Planning Update

- County-Level Population and Employment Projections – Adam Porr, MORPC
  - MORPC projects population by age using cohort-component analysis, accounting for births, deaths, and migration. Households, housing units, labor-force participation, and jobs are derived from population using assumptions such as household size, occupancy, and participation ratios rather than being projected independently.
  - The six counties containing portions of the MPO are projected to grow from approximately 2.08 million people in 2025 to about 2.5 million by 2055 and increase of more than 400,000 people or roughly 20%. Growth is expected to slow over time because fertility is declining and mortality is rising, with deaths potentially exceeding births around 2040.
  - Because migration varies substantially and is difficult to predict, the baseline assumes future annual migration will equal the median annual migration of the previous 15 years. Higher and lower scenarios use the 75th and 25th historical percentiles, respectively; Mr. Porr emphasized that the projections are scenarios rather than promises.
  - All six MPO counties are expected to grow, with the highest percentage growth in Delaware and Union Counties and the largest absolute increase in Franklin County. International migration accounted for approximately 96% of regional migration since 2020, while domestic migration has been more important for inner-ring counties; some outer-ring counties may experience limited growth or population loss.
  - The county totals will be refined into traffic analysis zones to estimate where people will live, work, and travel within each county, including Franklin County. MORPC will use the projections to support the MTP and infrastructure decisions.
- MTP Engagement and Guiding Principles – Thomas Graham, MORPC
  - MORPC collected input through 14 in-person pop-up events, an online survey, and workshops with the Community Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, community organizations, industry, and higher education. The effort reached 775 completed pop-up participants, just over 500 survey respondents, and more than 50 workshop participants.
  - Participants identified unreliable or infrequent transit, limited-service hours, disconnected sidewalks and bicycle routes, roadway conditions, congestion, transportation costs, and concerns about walking, bicycling, and crossing streets safely. Where available, frequent bus service, monthly passes, clear onboard stop displays, bump-outs, and slower crossing speeds were viewed positively.
  - The strongest priorities were enhancing public transit, making walking and bicycling easier, improving roadway safety, improving roadway capacity and maintenance, and ensuring affordable access to jobs and daily destinations. Participants also raised passenger rail, regional trail connections, accessible

infrastructure, and transit connections across county lines and beyond the outer belt.
- The preliminary themes are reliable alternatives to driving; safe, continuous, and accessible routes; transportation connections to jobs, healthcare, schools, and services; affordable travel; and coordinated investment that keeps pace with growth while maintaining existing infrastructure and aligning transportation with land use.
- Mr. Graham will compile a full engagement summary and support an MPO Board workshop before returning to the committee in December 2026 with proposed goals for the 2028-2055 MTP. The goals will guide project prioritization and MTP development, and members will receive them in advance for review and comment.

VII. Informational Items

- Get Ready Initiative – Erin Grushon, Burgess & Niple
  - Burgess & Niple, with support from MORPC, WSP, Planning Next, and Burton Planning Services, began the initiative after the 2022 Intel announcement. The study expanded from communities within a 20-minute drive time to a 40-minute ring to capture broader regional impacts.
  - The team surveyed communities, reviewed comprehensive and transportation plans, held county-level meetings, analyzed existing conditions, expanded MORPC's travel demand model to a 10-county region, and incorporated updated future-land-use plans into an alternative scenario. The project is now at the recommendations development and final-report stage.
  - Ten focus areas were identified using population and household projections, major origin points, travel-demand-model congestion outputs, and connections to the Intel site. Because the study area covers over 2,000 square miles, the team concentrated on detailed analysis in these priority areas rather than developing project-level recommendations everywhere.
  - In the Olde Village Pickerington area, the team evaluated crash patterns, high-priority safety locations, anticipated congestion, active-transportation networks, and walk access. Traffic volumes are expected to increase by 2050, and a shared use path extension is planned north of this area, so potential recommendations could include active-transportation improvements in downtown Pickerington and safe bicycle and pedestrian connections to proposed Refugee Road trail extension.
  - The final report is intended to make the analysis replicable for other major developments, such as future technology or manufacturing sites. Ms. Grushon explained that later planning efforts can build on this work rather than restart earlier studies, while MORPC connected the process to recurring MTP updates and potential technical assistance for local comprehensive planning.
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update – Padmini Roy-Dixon
  - An overview was provided of MORPC's role as the federally designated Economic Development District (EDD) for an 11-county Central Ohio region. MORPC received this designation from the U.S. Economic

Development Administration (EDA) in September 2023, which led to the establishment of its Economic Development team.

- The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which serves as a regional blueprint for economic and community development and establishes an institutional relationship with the U.S. EDA, making the region more competitive for federal grant opportunities.
- The CEDS is required by the U.S. EDA to be updated every five years. MORPC is currently working through the revision process with input from a diverse committee representing various geographic areas, professional backgrounds, and lived experiences.
- Transportation and infrastructure are key components of the updated strategy, including supporting transit-oriented development (TOD), improving access to reliable and affordable transportation, increasing investment in aging infrastructure to maintain regional competitiveness, and implementing a more holistic approach to infrastructure planning.
- The CEDS Advisory Committee includes subject matter experts, with representatives from LCATS and COTA providing input on transportation and mobility-related priorities.
- The updated CEDS includes four federally required components:
    - Summary Background: Overview of the region's current conditions.
    - SWOT Assessment: Identification of regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.
    - Action Plan: Establishes priorities, actions, and prospective partners, including ODOT.
    - Evaluation Framework: Identifies metrics to measure progress and outcomes.
- MORPC will serve as a partner in supporting and implementing various priorities and actions identified in the strategy.
- MORPC is presenting the CEDS update to its committees for review and feedback. The public comment period was announced to open December 7 and remain open for one month. The revised document is expected to be submitted to the U.S. EDA following the public comment period in April 2027.
- Committee members were encouraged to review the document and provide feedback through the public comment process using the QR code provided in the presentation.

VIII. Other Business

- TAC Member Update – Maria Schaper, MORPC
    - Committee members whose four-year terms were expiring were encouraged to reapply. Email notifications have gone out, and there is currently five vacancies.
- Nomination of Officers – Maria Schaper, MORPC
    - Ms. Schaper asked the committee to think about nominations for a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2027. Nominations and a vote will take place at the December 2026 TAC meeting, and the new Chair and Vice Chair will begin their term in February 2027.

IX. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Maria Schaper, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPORT

November 2026

MOBILITY & DEVELOPMENT

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Transportation

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- MORPC worked with the ICF team to synthesize public and stakeholder input on the region's transportation priorities this fall.
- MORPC held an MPO Board Workshop on 11/12 to work on the development of goals for the 2028-2055 MTP.
- Draft goals for the 2028-2055 MTP were developed based upon the feedback and input mentioned above.
- Team members from FHWA and FTA visited the MORPC office on November 19 as part of USDOT's 4-year certification review of MORPC as an MPO. Planning partners from ODOT and regional transit operators also attended. MORPC staff led discussions on specific topics including the MTP, TIP, Regional Mobility, and several other topics identified by the federal review team. Preliminary findings were commendable, and USDOT will issue a final letter and report of findings in December 2026 and January 2027.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

Mobility Management

- Mobility Management staff attended the 2026 Mobility Management Mini-Conference and the Ohio Public Transit Association Conference.
- Gohio Mobility and mobility management promotional materials were shared at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Health and Benefits Fair.
- 19 resident mobility cases were addressed in October 2026.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

- The 5310 Advisory Working Group met on November 13, 2026 to select awards for the 2026 funding cycle. The Advisory Working Group reviewed requests for over $4.5M to support 35 projects from 22 applicants. 17 projects from 15 applicants were recommended for $1,905,653 in federal funding.

- The Group Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan for open door 5310 transportation providers was completed and published on the Enhanced Mobility webpage on November 19, 2026.
- Transit staff presented the 5310 funding program to the Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA) Community Advisory Panel, comprised of municipalities in COTA's service area.

Regional Mobility Plan

- A funding application for up to $167,639 to support implementing the 2026-2030 Regional Mobility Plan and contributing to Gohio Commute/Gohio Mobility software purchases was submitted to ODOT Office of Transit on November 13, 2026.
- The Regional Coordinator and MORPC staff presented at the Ohio Public Transit Association's Best of the Midwest Transit Conference on the Regional Mobility Plan on November 17, 2026.

Gohio Commute

- The proposal submission period for the OARC statewide rideshare and mobility platform closed on November 13. The evaluation team is reviewing written proposals, with finalist demonstrations and Q&A scheduled for December.
- Staff hosted a Gohio Commute webinar in November attended by 10 employers. Eight expressed interest in starting a workplace commute program or asked to join the Gohio Commute newsletter.
- Gohio Commute registrations in October increased 75% compared with October 2025. Staff also updated MORPC's Gohio Commute landing page to explain the benefits of joining and help commuters understand what to expect when they register.
- Staff added three vanpools to the Gohio Commute program, bringing the fleet to 45. Two of the new vanpools serve the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) in Whitehall, and one serves Mid West Fabricating in Amanda, OH.

Transportation Planning Activities:

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

- The Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Leadership Committee (LC) met on November 3, 2026. LC members discussed and approved recommended updates to the TSI Program Policies and 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) updates. The Recommended TSI Program Policies and updated 2027- 2031 CIP will both next be considered for approval by the COTA Board of Trustees.
- Solicitation of requests for project status updates to 2028-2031 TSI CIP commitments and new project funding opened in early October. Both can be submitted through the Application for TSI Funding Assistance. Project status update requests were due October 30, 2026, and new project funding requests are due by November 27, 2026. $8.7M in commitment update requests were received and reviewed by each Technical Working Group (TWG) quadrant.
- All four TWGs met in November 2026 to review project update requests and discuss 2028-2032 CIP development. The TWGs will reconvene in December 2026 to review new project funding requests.
- City of Westerville and LinkUS partners held a Brooksedge Mobility Project groundbreaking ceremony on November 20, 2026. The project received $3,200,000 in TSI funding.

Passenger Rail

- Ohio Wesleyan University Lifelong Learning Institute hosted a class on passenger rail development in Central Ohio on November 5, 2026. MORPC staff presented to 30+ older adults on passenger rail history and current planning efforts.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):

- The CORPO Board met on Monday, November 2. During the meeting, ODOT provided an update on the US 23/I-71 Connector Feasibility Final Report, the MORPC Data team presented on the 2055 population, households, and jobs projections, and draft guiding principles for the 2028-2055 CORPO Transportation Plan were introduced and discussed.
    - The Board did not reach a quorum so a hybrid virtual and in-person Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1 to pass resolutions- Resolution 3-26 “Adopting the 2026 CORPO Public Participation Plan” and Resolution 4-26 “Adopting the Policies for Managing CORPO Dedicated Funds for SFY 2028-2029”

Active Transportation Planning:

- Work continues on the Regional Active Transportation Plan update, or Central Ohio’s Sidewalks, Bikeways, and Trails Plan. The planning team is currently working on data collection and preparation, existing conditions assessments and analysis, and regional engagement coordination with the BEST initiative.
- The US-23 “Pathways for People” Active Transportation Plan is being finalized. A draft of the Final Plan report has been completed and is currently under review. Other final deliverables in development include a StoryMap Collection and WebMap which will be hosted on MORPC’s website when completed.
    - A final presentation of the plan will be held on Monday, November 30th from 9:00-10:00a at the Delaware County Byxbe Campus (1610 State Rte 521, Delaware, OH 43015). Please contact Jordan Petrov (jpetrov@morpc.org) if you are interested in attending and would like to receive further information about this event.
- MORPC attended and provided input at ODOT District 6’s “Lewis Center to Corduroy Rd” stakeholder open house on November 12, 2026. ODOT presented some early development concepts for grade-separating each of these intersections with US-23 to improve traffic safety and efficiency as part of the over-arching Route-23 Connect Initiative. MORPC will continue to attend Route-23 Connect open houses and events to ensure projects and improvements incorporate multimodal transportation priorities identified in the MTP and US-23 “Pathways for People” Active Transportation Plan.

Transportation Safety:

- Work continues on the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan (COTSP) update and the Non-Motorized Data Program (NMDP) Development Plan. Team members meet with the consultant team bi-weekly to coordinate on the progress of both efforts.
    - A survey for the NMDP Development Plan has been shared with local government and other organizational partners to begin understanding existing practices and local priorities around pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-motorized data collection efforts.
    - A steering group is being developed for the COTSP to ensure the plan represents a wide range of regional voices and perspectives as it progresses. Invitations will go out soon and an initial steering group meeting will be hosted in early December.
- MORPC attended the following safety subcommittee and working group meetings in November:
    - OSU Active Transportation Advisory Group Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2026
    - State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Steering Committee Meeting, Monday, November 16, 2026
    - Central Ohio Alliance for Safe Transportation (COAST) Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2026
- Complete streets reviews were conducted for the following projects:
    - Cassady Avenue Shared-Use Path, Stage 1 (PID 119850)

Technical Assistance Program:

- Work continues on the City of Gahanna's 2025 Technical Assistance activity.
- Work continues on the Village of Lockbourne's Active Transportation Project Prioritization study. A stakeholder workshop with local and regional partners was held on Wednesday, November 4th at the Lockbourne Village Hall. Attendees reviewed study goals and existing conditions, then collaboratively discussed challenges, opportunities, and priorities associated with potential projects to expand the active transportation network in and around the Village.
- Consultant services for Quarter 2, 2026 Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) Program recipients – the Cities of Columbus, Grove City, and Whitehall – kicked off in late November.
- Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are being developed and reviewed for the recipients of Quarter 3, 2026 TAG awards: the City of Sunbury, Blendon Township, and Violet Township.
- The next TAG Program evaluation deadline will be on January 22, 2027 (Quarter 1, 2027).

Infrastructure Funding:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- General upkeep and maintenance of the TIP was undertaken including weekly administrative modifications and coordination with other agencies as needed
- Conducted interagency coordination for TIP amendment and transmitted amendment to ODOT
- Responded to public records request for TIP project information and funding history

MORPC MPO Funding

- Updated existing MPO Funding commitment project information as needed
- Completed evaluations for all new MPO Funding project applications and presented draft scoring to MPO Fundis Committee (MPOFC) at November 4 meeting
- Gathered feedback on draft scoring from MPOFC and revised scoring as necessary
- Prepared funding scenario spreadsheet for new MPO Funding projects and distributed to MPOFC
- Prepared funding scenario to bring before MPOFC for discussion

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- Coordinated with applicants on any additional needs for project applications
- Completed evaluations of SFY28 OPWC project applications
- Sent draft scoring to applicants
- Hosted meetings to review and discuss applications with applicants as needed
- Revised project application scoring based on applicant feedback
- Hosted meeting with all applicants to discuss and take comments on final scoring

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

- Monitored TRAC review progress and attended meetings

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)/Economic Development District:

- The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) committee meets next on November 19, 2026. The committee will review and approve the Evaluation Framework section, one of the core sections of the CEDS revision, at this meeting along with a discussion on next month's action items. The draft CEDS will be put out for a month-long public comment period on December 14, 2026.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP):

- Seven counties in MORPC's region nominated 23 projects for the current CAP round. After an internal evaluation and One Columbus' review, the Economic Development District (EDD) Board will approve the final project designations when it convenes in December 2026.
- The Economic Development team plans to coordinate closely with the Central Ohio Greenways and External Relations' teams next year to advance the Tier 1 and Regionally Significant CAP projects toward funding resources.

Regional Economic Development Academy (Academy):

- Rural Futures, the last class of the 2026 Regional Economic Development Academy (Academy) is scheduled for December 9, 2026. Two Academy classes were held in November: Community Engagement Dynamics and Supply Side Solutions to Housing.

Freight Planning:

- After a competitive RFP process, CPCS was selected as the lead consultant for the Regional Freight Plan. The Regional Freight Plan will serve as the vital roadmap for addressing freight mobility, economic competitiveness, infrastructure needs, and supply chain resilience across the region. The freight plan project will follow a hybrid engagement- while the Economic Development team will lead project management and engagement, the consultant team will focus on data analysis and plan development.
- The Central Ohio Freight Advisory Council (COFAC) held its first meeting on December 3, 2026. The COFAC, comprised of major freight and economic development stakeholders, reviewed the plan's mission, goals, and scope of work, providing key input that will be used throughout the development of and implementation stages of the plan. The COFAC will have its next meeting in early 2027.

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Community Development

Central Ohio Greenways (COG):

- COG hosted the annual Regional Trail Vision Workshop on November 5, 2026, at MORPC. This workshop was an opportunity for communities to share their new trail ideas, feasibility understandings, and funded projects. Communities were asked to recommend not only trails, but also Gateways, Bikeways, Blueways, and Eco-Ways. All of these ideas will be later shared with the COG Advisory Council for recommended inclusion in the Regional Trail Vision in January 2027
- Printed bike maps may be requested by emailing Sam Smith at Ssmith@morpc.org.
- The Central Ohio Greenways Team has advanced the Building Landscapes of Opportunity and Mitigation (BLOOM) initiative with the development of Ecological Corridors of Regional Significance These corridors are proposed for existing trail corridors where efforts to support the sensitive ecology surrounding the trail are encouraged. Additional funds from the Columbus Foundation were recently secured to develop a BLOOM Trail Design Guide. The Design Guide will be complete first quarter 2027.
- The COG Advisory Council met again on November 18, 2026, to discuss goals for 2027 including an effort to amplify the benefits of high priority trails to receive more funding for art, culture, and placemaking. The also discussed a potential trip to Bentonville, Arkansas in 2027 and reviewed working group progress.
- The Trail Towns of Central Ohio Program launched in January 2026 with a cohort of five communities who are participating in a program to develop branding, promotion, and marketing support as well as technical assistance, mapping, and coalition-building. Currently the Cohort is working with a consultant to develop a Trail Friendly Business Program and Merchandise strategy. Five new communities will be participating in the program in 2027.

Regional Housing Strategy (RHS):

Outreach

- Conversations around housing issues continue with MORPC member communities. The Community Development Team is continuing to promote the identification of barriers and solutions related to housing for members through connections with MORPC's Community Assistance Programs and by giving presentations to councils and other organizations. The MORPC team is working on identifying ways to expand upon the previous work of the Regional Housing Strategy. Additionally, the team is closely monitoring the advancement of the recently passed ROAD to Housing Act to see how it may benefit the region.

Implementation Assistance

- Are you interested in a housing/growth workshop for your community's elected officials, staff, or community leaders? MORPC is accepting requests for presentations and workshops. Our team will work with you to design the agenda, including recommended speakers and learning objectives. Contact Juliana Silveira for more information (jsilveira@morpc.org).

Community Based Planning Assistance:

- The Community-Based Planning Assistance Program continues to be a resource for members, and we are always looking for ways to improve to better serve your needs. 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 is supporting Jefferson Township Parks & Recreation Plan. The Data Team delivered a parks accessibility analysis and provided individual park maps as well as an overall map with accompanying data to illustrate the level of access to their park system. Next steps are to provide visualization diagrams to reflect the plan recommendations.
- MORPC provided temporary staff planning assistance to the City of Reynoldsburg Development Department. The project kicked off on June 15, 2026, and closed on September 25. 2026.
- The MORPC, the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO), and the Village of South Bloomfield hosted a stakeholder workshop on November 10, 2026, focused on the South Bloomfield-to-Ashville Trail Connector.
- MORPC convened leaders across Perry County for a "Planning for the Future" luncheon on November 19, 2026, focused on sharing practical planning strategies and successful local practices highlighted during MORPC's recent visits to Perry County, Somerset, and New Lexington.

Consultant Services Program

- The Consultant Services Program assists communities with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process through the drafting of RFP documents, prequalifying consultants in the eligible program areas, reviewing initial proposals, and facilitating final presentations.
- Each year, the Consultant Services Program prequalifies consultants to submit proposals for and complete work on long-range planning projects initiated by communities in Central Ohio. Eligible project types include the completion of or updates to comprehensive planning and zoning codes, economic development activities, public engagement, neighborhood or area plans, housing action plans, active transportation plans, and parking plans or assessments.
- The Community Development Team has reviewed and identified pre-qualified entities for 2026 under our Consultant Services Program; additional information can be found at: https://www.morpc.org/consultant-services-program/.
- The 2027 prequalification process will be open from December 1, 2026, through January 8, 2027. Consultants will be notified of their prequalification status by February 1, 2027. In addition to the existing project types, the 2027 cycle will include Trail Vision and Design in support of the Central Ohio Greenways program.
- MORPC participated in the SMPS panel on November 17, "The Debrief Effect: How to Turn Feedback into Future Wins," alongside Betsy Goldstein (Betsy Goldstein Consulting), Nikki Wildman (OFCC), and Holly Carr (MCS).
- If you have an RFP you would like advertised through the Consultant Services Program or need assistance with writing an RFP, please contact consultantservices@morpc.org or Juliana Silveira at jsilveira@morpc.org.

Planner Pool Program

- Members are invited to submit applications for assistance through the Planner Pool Program. If you are interested in additional staffing support related to planning, zoning, and/or sustainability, please contact Juliana Silveira to schedule a time to discuss your community's needs and ways that MORPC may be able to help.
- MORPC is assembling a list of fixed-fee services that relate to the most common issues communities in Central Ohio are experiencing. Suggestions on potential services are greatly appreciated and can be directed to Juliana Silveira at jsilveira@morpc.org.

Sustainability

Sustainability Advisory Committee:

Regional Sustainability Roundtable (RSR)
The Q4 meeting will be on December 16, 2026, at the new Gahanna Civic Center. The RSR will vote on the next round of proposed Sustainable2050 certifications and tour the new facility to learn more about its sustainable features. The MORPC team is also considering member appointments for the 2027-2028 term. Please reach out to Brandi Whetstone at bwhetstone@morpc.org for more information.

Sustainable2050:

Member Engagement

- The next Sustainable2050 meeting will take place on December 3, from 9:30 – 11:00 am at MORPC. The City of Canal Winchester is the newest member to join Sustainable2050.
- MORPC and SWACO convened the Commercial Recycling Working Group meeting on November 18, 2026, at 3:00 pm to explore municipal approaches for commercial and multi-family recycling, and ways for SWACO and MORPC to support members in these efforts. Interested Sustainable2050 Members can join the Working Group meetings.
- MORPC Members can join the Sustainable2050 program year-round by passing a resolution of participation. Current Sustainable2050 members can also pursue tier status certification in spring 2027. Please contact Brandi Whetstone for more information, or to request a Sustainable2050 presentation, at bwhetstone@morpc.org.

Water Resources Program:

Central Ohio Water Advisory Council

- The COWAC will meet on December 8 to discuss next steps following the strategic framework action plan and will include prioritization of topics and programs for the coming year. Members will also have an opportunity to provide input as consultants for the Central Ohio Regional Water Study Dashboard work will be at the meeting in preparation for planned maintenance of the dashboard.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

- Interested in serving on the Natural Resource Assistance Council in District 3 (Franklin) or District 17 (Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Pickaway, Morrow, Knox)? If you are interested in serving on a Council, please contact Edwina Teye at eteye@morpc.org. Applications are open until December 4, 2026.

District 3 – Franklin County

- The NRAC received six applications and a total of $7,481,393 in Clean Ohio requested funds. Five of the projects were recommended for funding, and one was pulled out of the slate for recommendation due to inadequate required documentation.

District 17 – Delaware, Fairfield, Knox, Licking, Morrow, & Pickaway Counties

- The NRAC received four applications and a total of $5,039,197 in Clean Ohio requested funds. While all projects scored above the minimum allowable points, the HopeWood Outdoors Conservation- Alum Creek Conservation Corridor Initiative by Appalachia Ohio Alliance received full funding of $1,664,000 and the Big Walnut Creek Protection and Restoration project by the Preservation Parks of Delaware County was awarded partial funding of $1,588,616.

208 Planning and Areawide Designation Process

- MORPC has worked closely with Ohio EPA and stakeholders to explore designation as an areawide planning agency. At this time, it has been determined that the best path forward is for MORPC to serve in an updated and expanded role, rather than gaining designation. MORPC has been working

with Ohio EPA to determine what that agreement would look like, and it has been determined that either a new or modified contract would be needed to address this

Energy & Air Quality:

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

- https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDA3ZTBiMWYtYjVhMS00YzcxLTlmYmYtMTIwYzJmYjBmYTM2%40thread.v2/0?context={"Tid"%3a"d225c0aa-f4a0-4925-bc81-eaff87943970"%2c"Oid"%3a"4fea72bf-8d98-4860-9bf0-4a464152f4a6"}Next meeting: February 24, 2027, from 1 – 2:30 PM. This is a hybrid meeting, so please either join in-person at the MORPC office or online via the Teams link.
- The Energy and Air Quality Working Group (EAQWG) held its final meeting of 2026 on November 18. Working group members heard updates on the impact of November's election and key legislation and policies for both the outgoing state legislature and incoming Governor-Elect Acton's administration. Additionally, the EAQWG heard about and provided input on important updates on MORPC's sustainability, energy, freight, and air quality programming. Finally, the Working Group discussed priorities, topics, and potential speakers for 2027.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure

- MORPC continues with its Central Ohio Charging Smart Cohort, an initiative providing no-cost technical assistance to streamline policies, permitting, and practices that support the expansion of electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure. The cohort is in the middle of conducting one-on-one meetings with each community as we work toward Charging Smart designation.

US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

- mailto:bfiliatraut@morpc.org MORPC and its core team partners—the City of Columbus, Power a Clean Future Ohio, and the Ohio State University—continue making progress on the Status Report, the final deliverable of the CPRG Planning grant award. A survey was issued and presented on at the Summit on Sustainability to collect data and information on recently completed, in progress, and planned projects. If you'd like more information on or to read the COCAP, please visit the MORPC's COCAP website or email Brian Filiatraut, Senior Energy & Economic Development Manager, at bfiliatraut@morpc.org.

  https://www.morpc.org/cocap/

Air Quality Alerts

- No Air Quality Alerts were issued between October 24 and November 20, 2026.

US EPA funded Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project (CLEAN)

- The CLEAN project wrapped up its data collection and community outreach. Along with the final report, a community air monitoring guide has been updated and will be released in conjunction with other educational assets that will serve as the basis of the forthcoming sensor lending library.

Outreach

- MORPC is collaborating with two Columbus neighborhoods, American Addition and Driving Park, to install additional air quality sensors. This partnership will facilitate deep engagement and data collection to better understand the air quality issues these neighborhoods face. MORPC also ramped up marketing and community education efforts, with digital kiosk signage running from October 12 through November 12, 2026, around Franklin County and in close proximity to these neighborhoods. MORPC also featured this enhanced neighborhood air sensor program at the Regional Information & Data User Working Group meeting on November 6, 2026, in partnership with the City of Columbus' iTeam. The event, titled "From Sensors to Insight: Building Air Quality Data that Scales," highlighted

how indoor and outdoor monitoring can be paired together to empower residents and reduce their exposure to poor air quality, using the July 2026 wildfire events as a case study.

DATA, MAPPING & MODELING

Dave Dixon, Director of Data Analytics & Strategy Planning – ddixon@morpc.org

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC):

- The RDR met on October 13, 2026, and had a robust discussion of activities currently being explored or pursued individually or collectively. Topics included next steps regarding pursuit of improved data asset management practices, an overview of MORPC's latest Population Projections, planning updates and call for keynote speaker recommendations for Data Day 2027, potential format and frequency changes for Regional Information and Data Group (RIDG) meetings, and concerns regarding proposed changes to the U.S. Decennial Census, and the planned launch of the Leaders Listen: Transportation survey on October 28, 2026.
- The RDR will meet next on January 12, 2027, at the MORPC office.
- Regional Data Roundtable Groups typically meet monthly; please find those updates below.

Working Groups

- Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG):
- On November 4, 2026, RIDG hosted a conversation about the air quality projects that MORPC has been working on or involved with. Jamie Polzin from the City of Columbus along with JR Diaz-Hernandez and Jordan Inskeep discussed their work on a pilot project in Columbus's American Addition neighborhood and the larger data efforts around formalizing the data processing for the PurpleAir monitor data.
- The next RIDG meeting is yet to be determined. The event format and cadence are RDR consideration heading into the new year. Interested parties should contact Ethan Hug at ehug@morpc.org.

- Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG):
- The fourth quarter COGUG meeting was held on November 18, 2026, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at MORPC. It was GIS Day and we had a large attendance. Presentation topics included a new ESRI application called Frames and sharing MORPC's 2025-2055 population projections. We had a group activity to collect feedback and information from attendees. The next meeting will be in February 2027. Interested parties should contact Cheri Mansperger at cmansperger@morpc.org.

- Data for Access & Opportunity Working Group:
- The Data for Access & Opportunity Working Group met on October 23, 2026, to further discuss the needed stakeholders and steps to advance planning and decision making around housing opportunity leveraging data and research. The Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) at The Ohio State University is currently conducting listening sessions and taking the lead on assembling a data and research stakeholder group. While the details of the work to come are still taking shape, the goal is to find ways to better collaborate and share information around housing affordability, instability, and homelessness. Staff and members interested in this topic should reach out to Dave Dixon, ddixon@morpc.org. The group will meet again on next steps this winter (date TBD).

- Cyber Security Working Group:
- The Working Group discussed new grant opportunities for local governments including .gov domain transfers and water and wastewater systems:
- Ohio has been awarded federal funding to assist local governments transition from non-government domains to the secure, trusted **.gov domain** managed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Moving to a ".gov" address strengthens public trust, enhances security, and ensures services are delivered through a federally verified platform.
- **Who Should Apply:** Counties, municipalities, townships, special districts, and other public authorities. Priority is placed on **rural communities**, defined as populations under 50,000.
- **Key Details:**

- Supports migration to secure .gov domains
- **20% cost share** required
- One application per LGE
- Reimbursement available for eligible cybersecurity expenses
- Projects must be completed within the approved performance period
- The Cybersecurity Water Protection Grant supports projects that improve cybersecurity for **water and wastewater systems**. This includes upgrades to operational technology (OT), ICS/SCADA protections, monitoring, logging, incident response planning, and other resilience-focused improvements.
- Supports cybersecurity enhancements for water and wastewater utilities
- Priority for LGEs in Ohio's **rural communities,** defined as populations under 50,000
- **40% cost share** required
- One application per LGE
- Funding must directly support cybersecurity improvements and align with federal standards
- The Working Group also discussed opportunities for local governments to take part in sharing/receiving Cyber threat notifications. The goal is to share resources so that if there is a credible threat, all governments can share how to protect against the exploit(s).
- Interested parties who have not already done so should complete an IT/Cybersecurity Working Group Interest Form at the following link: https://forms.office.com/r/fc8qz5y6zh.

Data Management:

- The Data Team is developing a specialized database to capture the responses to our Leaders Listen survey series. The database will be structured in such a way that we will be able to easily perform complex queries, compare responses to similar questions across surveys, and capture and report on survey metadata.
- The Data & Mapping Team is evaluating licensing options for our public content to better protect MORPC's intellectual property rights and make the content more useable to the public.
- Staff completed several tasks focused on continual improvement of our existing systems, including:
- Refining the definition for MORPC "JURIS" geographies (i.e. a combined set of cities, villages, and non-incorporated townships), including an improved geographic identifier format and better handling of Census Designated Places
- Created semi-automated tool for collecting subject matter expert contributions (headlines and commentary) for MORPC Insights tile sets.

Data Analytics, Mapping, and Research:

Data & Research Activities

- County projections of population, households, jobs and several other variables for the years 2025 to 2055 (also known as "county control totals") have been released. They were presented at the Pre-Commission luncheon on November 12, 2026, and were separately presented to CAC, TAC, and the CORPO board. They were presented at a "media day" event on November 10, which was attended by several news outlets and resulted in a front-page article int The Columbus Dispatch. A resolution to approve the projections in conjunction with the MTP guiding principles will be introduced at the December 10, 2026, Commission meeting. Projections were produced for three scenarios: historically typical migration, historically low migration, and historically high migration. A white paper summarizing the projections with links to additional information is available at https://tinyurl.com/PopProjectionsWhitepaper.
- Data team staff participated in the Summit on Sustainability in October and organized a breakout session titled "Leaders Are Listening: Communities Voice a Desire for a Sustainable Future" during which local leaders discussed how they are using data from Leaders Listen surveys to support sustainability initiatives in their communities.
- The latest iteration of the Leaders Listen survey launched at the Summit on Sustainability on October 28, 2026, and will close on November 30. The survey is focused on transportation. The Team is also

transforming select survey responses into a form that will allow them to be presented within the Insights platform.

- January 1, 2026, county/city/village/township population and MORPC Member dues estimates were approved at the September Commission meeting. The estimates are available upon request and will soon be published on the MORPC Insights platform.
- MORPC Insights
- Work on Insights Phase 2 development has been temporarily suspended due to staffing changes. The project will focus on adding content, adding features to allow comparisons between different geographies, and improving the user experience for people with disabilities. The work is funded by a grant from The Columbus Foundation.
- Work to update existing content in MORPC Insights to incorporate the latest available data and refresh the headlines and commentary is expected to be completed by the end of the month. This effort also started to incorporate the formal standards for data and visualization (described above) and several tilesets have been made more accessible to users with disabilities.
- Staff continue to manage the organization's air quality sensor data. The team has developed improved data infrastructure for air quality data including improved scripts for retrieving, standardizing, and validating the raw PurpleAir data, a relational database for storing the raw and standardized data locally for convenient and inexpensive retrieval, and a custom web application to facilitate the exploration of the data and management of the sensors themselves. The infrastructure is implemented using Docker containers for easy deployment and disaster recovery and improved documentation.
- Data Team staff are working with the MORPC government affairs team to educate members about opportunities to collaborate with the U.S. Census Bureau with regard to the 2030 decennial census. Specifically, MORPC is encouraging members to participate in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) effort to ensure that the bureau has the most accurate accounting of residences in each community.
- Staff responded to several ad hoc data requests, including:
- Projected origins of future international migrants for a CAC member
- Differences in trends for domestic vs international migration for another CAC member
- Population projections for Ernst & Young
- Share custom PurpleAir code for a partner in the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP) network

Mapping Activities

- Creating land use model inputs for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- Provided freight Plan data to CPCS consultants for the kickoff of the Regional Freight PlanReview mapped projects for CORPO MTP
- Map Competitive Advantage Program (CAP) projects
- Map requests from members

Modeling Activities

- Working on subregion analysis for 161/42/33, 70/270/Brice Rd, Rickenbacker Area, Northwest Corridor, Fairfield County, and City of Delaware
- Four traffic growth rate requests completed
- Network validation work continues

MTP Activities

- Finished County control totals for upcoming MTP and CTP goal setting and planning efforts
- Preparing land use model inputs (household, jobs, group quarters) for existing condition
- Update/validate land use model scripts

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Ralonda Hampton, Senior Director of Communications & Engagement – rhampton@morpc.org

News Releases:

- MORPC Creates Central Ohio Advance Fund – MORPC.org (Nov. 13, 2026)
- MORPC Welcomes Two New Local Governments – MORPC.org (Nov. 12, 2026)
- Central Ohio Could Grow to 2.7 million or 3.1 million Residents By 2055; Migration Is Key – MORPC.org (Nov. 10, 2026)
- Annual Summit On Sustainability Highlights Region's Environmental Advancements – MORPC.org (Oct. 28, 2026)

MORPC in the News:

- MORPC Offers Transportation Funds, The Columbus Dispatch (11/17/26)
- Central Ohio's population could reach 3.12 M by 2055 – If We Keep Our Affordability Advantage, Columbus Business First (11/12/26)
- It Could Take Longer For Central Ohio To Hit 3 Million People, Axios Columbus (11/17/26)
- Central Ohio Could Grow to 2.7 million to 3.1M Residents By 2055, The Delaware Gazette (11/14/26)
- Immigration Critical To Central Ohio's Ability To Grow, per MORPC Study, The Columbus Dispatch (11/11/26)
- Migration May Push Central Ohio's Population to 3.1 Million By 2055, Officials Say, WOSU Public Media (11/10/26)
- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Projects Population Growth In Central Ohio, WBNS-10tv (11/11/2026)
- Experts Predict Central Ohio's Population To grow through 2055, Spectrum TV (11/11/2026)
- MORPC Speaks On Ohio's Sustainability Efforts At 20th Annual Summit, WCMH-TV (10/28/26)
- MORPC, Dispatch Launch Survey About Future of Central Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch (10/29/26)
- OHIO Students Invited To Public Service Day Event on Nov. 19, OHIO Today (10/23/26)
- Summit on Sustainablity Discussed On Ch. 10's The Big Picture, WBNS-10tv (10/24/26)
- When Is Your Community's Trick-or-Treat Night, Axios Columbus (10/13/26)
- Central Ohio Communities Schedule Trick-or-Treat Times, Dates, The Columbus Dispatch (10/1/26)
- Commissioners Hear From Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Get Road Updates, Logan Daily News (10/1/26)

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Eileen Leuby, Member Services Officer – eleuby@morpc.org

Member Visits Completed

- Bellefontaine 11/3/26; Logan County 11/3/26

Activities

- Customized Return on Investment – Financials; ROI Letter; ROI Summary document were distributed to each member government.
- MORPC welcomed two new members: Franklin County Public Health and Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging on Thursday, November 12th, bringing the total number of members to 100.
- Provided a customized training program for the Villages in Perry County on 11/19/26: Planning Practices.
- Participated in a planning meeting with Marion County to submit an application for an EDA.
- Assisted with monthly newsletter production.
- Coordinated educational partnership management.
- Conducted new board member orientations for Delaware City; Bexley City; Franklin County Public Health; and COAAA.
- On-going member assistance on funding and resource needs.

Local Government Summer Program

- The Local Government Summer Internship Program has received 22 internship requests from member hosts so far and remains on track to open applications for the 2027 summer internship season on December 1, 2026.
- Recruitment and outreach efforts included presentations at Kenyon College (11/5/26) and The Ohio State University's Glenn College (11/18/26), engaging students interested in public service careers, as well as participation in Ohio University Voinovich School's Public Service Day (11/19/26).
- Internally, staff continued to engage program operations through the implementation of additional BambooHR automation tools designed to streamline administrative tasks and strengthen the overall candidate experience.
- MORPC and OSU John Glenn College of Public Affairs are forming a pilot program where OSU will provide funding to support ten or more interns in the MORPC Local Government Summer Internship Program for Summer 2027.

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Memorandum

TO:	Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Transportation Advisory Committee Community Advisory Committee
FROM:	Maria Schaper, Transportation Director
DATE:	November 24, 2026
SUBJECT:	Proposed Resolution T-18-26: **"Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program"**

Proposed Resolution T-18-26 will add or modify one (1) project 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 April, 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 7: Improve demand response transit service
- OP 8: Manage, improve and coordinate human service, private and public transportation, to better meet the needs and fill the gaps
- TRAN 5: Implement appropriate additional/innovative service to address first/last mile needs
- TRAN 7: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities for collaboration
- SYS 2: Develop transportation system to serve all demographic population groups

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Secretary

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.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission: The following modification to the TIP is being made for a MORPC's FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program:

- PID ######, MORPC 2026 FTA 5310: This program is funded via FFY2026 Section 5310 funding. Fifteen (15) subrecipients are receiving funding through this program. Attachment 2 to this resolution provides additional detail regarding the awards. Total of $2,352,455 added in SFY2027

Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-18-26

RESOLUTION T-18-26

“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-18-26; and

WHEREAS, one project addition to the 2026-2029 TIP has been identified as needed for a Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission 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 30, 2026, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on December 3, 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 the project is exempt from conformity requirements.

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.

Ben Kessler, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

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

Attachment 1 Resolution T-18-26

5310 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

State/Urbanized Area: **Columbus, Ohio UZA**

5310: FFY 2026 (DS, DM, **DL**): **$1,905,653** (DS = Rural Areas (under 50,000); DM -Small Urbanized Areas (50,000-200,000); DL = Large Urbanized Areas (200,000 or more))

Carryover: **$0**

Transfer Funds (plus or minus): **$0**

Total Funds Available: **$1,905,653**

Total number of subrecipients funded in this Program of Projects: **15**

LIST OF PROJECTS Required subrecipient information includes: name of entity receiving the award, amount of award, location of the entity receiving the award and the primary location of performance under the award, including the city and/or county and Congressional District.

CAPITAL, OPERATING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

(Projects may include reasonable contingencies)

(Subrecipient Types may include: a non-profit organization or a local governmental authority).

Program of Projects & Subrecipients	Direct and Sub-recipients	City	Service Area Urban / Rural	Sub Type Private Public	Project Description/ALI	Quantity	FTA Awarded	Local Amount	Total Amount	Coordination Plan Date & Page	Eligible Project Type*	Capital / Operating	Description
FY 2026 5310													
Sub A	**Canal Winchester Human Services**	Canal Winchester, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.7A.00	1	$20,000	$5,000	$25,000	July 2026 / Page 71	(D)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub B	**Central Community House**	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	30.09.01	1	$24,025	$24,025	$48,051	July 2026 / Page 71	(A)	Operating	Operating Assistance
Sub B	**Central Community House**	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.7A.00	1	$11,860	$2,965	$14,826	July 2026 / Page 71	(D)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub C	**City of Dublin**	Dublin, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	$60,000	$15,000	$75,000	July 2026 / Page 71	(A)	Capital	Contracted Transportation
Sub D	**City of Gahanna**	Gahanna, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	$66,122	$16,531	$82,653	July 2026 / Page 71	(A)	Capital	Contracted Transportation
Sub E	**City of Groveport**	Groveport, OH	Urban	Public	11.42.20	1	$7,189	$1,797	$8,987	July 2026 / Page 71	(A)	Capital	Computer Hardware/Software
Sub F	**City of Hilliard**	Hilliard, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	$36,000	$9,000	$45,000	July 2026 / Page 71	(A)	Capital	Contracted Transportation
Sub G	**City of Obetz**	Obetz, OH	Urban	Public	11.13.04	1	$104,607	$26,152	$130,759	July 2026 / Page 71	(A)	Capital	Vehicle Purchase (expansion, <30 ft bus)
Sub H	**City of Reynoldsburg**	Reynoldsburg, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	$60,128	$15,032	$75,160	July 2026 / Page 71	(A)	Capital	Contracted Transportation
Sub I	**Clintonville-Beechwold CRC**	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.71.13	1	$64,000	$16,000	$80,000	July 2026 / Page 71	(D)	Capital	Contracted Transportation
Sub I	**Clintonville-Beechwold CRC**	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.7A.00	1	$24,000	$6,000	$30,000	July 2026 / Page 71	(D)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub J	**COTA**	Columbus, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	$286,487	$71,622	$358,109	July 2026 / Page 71	(B)	Capital	Contracted Transportation
Sub K	**DCTB**	Delaware, OH	Urban	Public	11.7L.00	1	$486,582	$121,646	$608,228	July 2026 / Page 41 & Page 71	(A)	Capital	Mobility Management
Sub L	**MORPC**	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit - Public	11.7L.00	1	$160,000	$40,000	$200,000	July 2026 / Page 41 & Page 71	(A)	Capital	Mobility Management
Sub M	**LifeCare Alliance**	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.7A.00	1	$21,120	$5,280	$26,400	July 2026 / Page 71	(D)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub N	**Prairie Township**	Columbus, OH	Urban	Public	11.13.04	1	$90,966	$22,742	$113,708	July 2026 / Page 71	(A)	Capital	Vehicle Purchase (expansion, <30 ft bus)
Sub O	**SourcePoint**	Delaware, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.71.13	1	$192,000	$48,000	$240,000	July 2026 / Page 71	(D)	Capital	Contracted Transportation
					Subtotal	*17*	*$1,715,088*	*$446,791*	*$2,161,879*				
Program Admin	**MORPC**	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit - Public	11.79.00	1	$190,565	$0	$190,565	July 2026 / Page 71	(A)	Operating	Program Administration
					Grand Total	**18**	**$1,905,653**	**$446,791**	**$2,352,444**				

Total Traditional 5310 Capital Amount (at least 55%) **$1,881,628**

Total Other Capital Amount (up to 45%) **$24,025**

* Eligibility Project Type refers to 49 U.S.C. 5310 (b)(1) criteria

STATE ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Not to exceed 10 percent of Section 5310 apportionment and any flex funds transferred to the Section 5310 account may be used to provide a 100 percent Federal share.

Subtotal State or Designated Recipient Administration (funded at 100 percent) $190,565

SUBTOTAL DESIGNATED RECIPIENT ADMINISTRATION **$190,565**

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Director

DATE: November 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-19-26: **"Adopting Goals and County Scenarios for the 2028-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan"**

Proposed Resolution T-19-26 adopts new goals to guide the development of the 2028-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and simultaneously adopts updates to projections of population, household, and employment variables at the county level. This resolution is the first major milestone in development of the 2028-2055 MTP.

The six goals for the MTP proposed in this resolution are the product of extensive public and stakeholder input, which was subsequently refined by staff and the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. In total, more than 1,300 individuals provided input during this process. The proposed goals reflect the changing desires of Central Ohioans regarding transportation infrastructure and services. This resolution further directs MORPC staff to develop objectives and performance measures in alignment with the proposed goals, and MORPC intends to work collaboratively with regional partners to complete this task. Moreover, these goals and objectives will guide the development of an improved project prioritization process for the MTP.

Additionally, this resolution adopts county level projections for population, household, and employment variables that will establish the growth assumptions for which the 2028-2055 MTP will be developed. These county control totals will guide further projections of these variables at the geography of Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs), which is the geography recognized in the travel demand model. These variables are a critical component of MORPC's transportation planning process for the MTP.

Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-19-26

William Murdock, AICP
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Chair

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Vice Chair

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Secretary

RESOLUTION T-19-26

"ADOPTING GOALS AND COUNTY SCENARIOS FOR THE 2028-2055 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN"

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is developing the federally required, long-range, regional transportation plan for the MPO area that will include goals, shown in the attachment, that will guide regional transportation strategies and projects; and

WHEREAS, the goals are consistent with other regional planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the goals are consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA or BIL), the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC's transportation planning must comply; and

WHEREAS, IIJA requires a performance-based transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the goals will be used for developing measurable objectives in accordance with IIJA to measure how the region is achieving the adopted goals; and

WHEREAS, the goals were developed with input from the public, stakeholders, and MPO member communities; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has completed preparing planning horizon year 2055 county scenarios for total population, household, and employment variables for use in the MORPC Travel Demand Model for the MORPC modeling area, for benchmarking plan performance measures, and generally informing the plan development process; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its November 30, 2026 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its December 3, 2026 meeting recommended approval of these goals and county scenarios; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it adopts the 2028-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan goals as shown in the attachment.

Section 2. That it directs staff to develop measurable objectives for the 2028-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan goals consistent with IIJA.

Section 3. That it directs staff to develop a process to evaluate strategies and candidate projects for inclusion in the MTP based on advancing the goals and meeting the objectives.

Section 4. That it directs staff to bring the measurable objectives and evaluation process, once developed, to the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board

for approval.

Section 5. That it adopts the planning horizon year 2055 county scenarios for total population, household, and employment variables for use in the 2028-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Section 6. That this Committee 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

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Attachment 1: Goals for the 2028-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Attachment 2: 2055 County Scenarios for Population, Household, and Employment Variables

Attachment 1: Goals for the 2028-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Through investment in Central Ohio's transportation infrastructure and services, our region strives to ensure our transportation system is:

- **Safe**. Everyone feels safe traveling throughout our region, and traffic deaths and serious injuries on our transportation network are eliminated.
- **Connected**. Travelers across our region have efficient and reliable options, including active transportation and transit, to access jobs, education, and other destinations.
- **Inclusive**. Everyone in our region can access desired destinations through a variety of affordable and accessible travel options suitable to their needs.
- **Healthy**. Our transportation system supports good air quality and minimizes environmental impacts.
- **Vibrant**. Our transportation system promotes economic opportunity through the efficient movement of goods, balanced growth and development, and support for thriving main streets within our communities.
- **Maintained**. Our region's existing transportation infrastructure is kept in good condition, and the operation of existing transportation services is sustained.

Attachment 2: 2055 County Scenarios for Population, Household, and Employment Variables

County Name	Projection Year	Population	Households	Jobs
Delaware County	2025	242,032	87,805	120,259
Delaware County	2030	260,452	94,552	132,737
Delaware County	2035	274,912	99,634	144,875
Delaware County	2040	287,137	103,888	154,372
Delaware County	2045	299,367	108,238	161,697
Delaware County	2050	312,067	112,878	167,119
Delaware County	2055	324,002	117,236	171,607
Fairfield County	2025	169,752	62,668	57,357
Fairfield County	2030	176,562	65,238	60,577
Fairfield County	2035	181,322	66,917	63,700
Fairfield County	2040	185,097	68,214	65,903
Fairfield County	2045	188,897	69,532	67,336
Fairfield County	2050	192,822	70,935	68,195
Fairfield County	2055	196,407	72,257	68,911
Franklin County	2025	1,361,536	564,085	941,680
Franklin County	2030	1,426,271	591,515	1,002,603
Franklin County	2035	1,486,151	616,216	1,057,146
Franklin County	2040	1,536,216	636,620	1,099,171
Franklin County	2045	1,576,811	653,492	1,134,446
Franklin County	2050	1,610,786	667,725	1,167,278
Franklin County	2055	1,640,746	680,085	1,196,532
Knox County	2025	64,002	23,766	24,323
Knox County	2030	64,442	23,939	24,657
Knox County	2035	64,292	23,759	24,892
Knox County	2040	63,747	23,442	24,883
Knox County	2045	62,987	23,089	24,596
Knox County	2050	62,237	22,805	24,133
Knox County	2055	61,672	22,644	23,716
Licking County	2025	185,564	69,828	90,099
Licking County	2030	190,544	71,744	93,871
Licking County	2035	193,039	72,503	97,116
Licking County	2040	194,124	72,762	98,770
Licking County	2045	194,854	73,000	99,423
Licking County	2050	195,329	73,253	99,215
Licking County	2055	195,549	73,401	98,751
Madison County	2025	46,985	16,219	29,164
Madison County	2030	48,455	16,796	30,050
Madison County	2035	49,320	17,106	30,765
Madison County	2040	49,890	17,301	31,235
Madison County	2045	50,410	17,471	31,573
Madison County	2050	50,940	17,641	31,709

Madison County	2055	51,500	17,827	31,788
Marion County	2025	65,115	24,683	28,020
Marion County	2030	63,645	24,073	27,574
Marion County	2035	61,495	23,247	26,947
Marion County	2040	59,000	22,267	25,975
Marion County	2045	56,485	21,290	24,864
Marion County	2050	53,975	20,330	23,621
Marion County	2055	51,490	19,390	22,402
Morrow County	2025	36,305	13,790	6,398
Morrow County	2030	36,320	13,796	6,444
Morrow County	2035	35,920	13,637	6,462
Morrow County	2040	35,225	13,362	6,396
Morrow County	2045	34,430	13,049	6,257
Morrow County	2050	33,560	12,708	6,047
Morrow County	2055	32,685	12,374	5,831
Pickaway County	2025	62,978	22,725	19,807
Pickaway County	2030	64,173	23,192	20,239
Pickaway County	2035	64,438	23,264	20,608
Pickaway County	2040	64,298	23,179	20,781
Pickaway County	2045	64,143	23,106	20,812
Pickaway County	2050	64,073	23,082	20,637
Pickaway County	2055	63,918	23,039	20,381
Union County	2025	73,446	26,231	44,046
Union County	2030	79,021	28,319	47,879
Union County	2035	83,666	30,028	51,964
Union County	2040	87,691	31,466	55,392
Union County	2045	91,491	32,784	58,212
Union County	2050	95,276	34,106	60,435
Union County	2055	99,036	35,436	62,306