

## Memorandum (to accompany resolution)

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SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution "RATIFYING AMENDED MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT"

### History

Approximately six years ago, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) formed a committee to review and revise two MORPC governance documents, the Articles of Agreement and the Bylaws. Their overall goal was to provide more clarity, consistency, flexibility, and simplicity to the Articles of Agreement and Bylaws. The Commission adopted the proposed amendments on September 19, 2013.

### Summary of MORPC's Articles of Agreements and Bylaws Amendments

#### Clarity:

- Renames the "Administrative Committee" to "Executive Committee" to clarify its role
- Clarifies the role of the chair in appointing committees
- Amendments to the Policy Committee portion of the Bylaws
  - Renames the "Policy Committee" as the "Transportation Policy Committee"
  - Makes language consistent with current federal law
  - Adjusts representation to be consistent with changes in Commission representation
  - Clarifies the role of the chair and other officers
  - Adds reference to three standing subcommittees (Community Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, Attributable Funds Committee)
  - Renames the "Federal Funds Committee" as the "Attributable Funds Committee"
  - Allows for flexibility in meeting times and order

#### Consistency:

- Move the details of assessing dues from the Articles to the Bylaws and makes consistent with current practices
- Better balance Commission voting representation with members' population
- Remove specific approval of Articles by the Franklin County Commissioners
- Ensure membership on the nominating committee is a diversity of local government types
- Use of "bylaws" rather than "rules"
- Adds the "Regional Policy Roundtable" to Bylaws

Flexibility:

- Moves certain detailed procedures from the Articles to the Bylaws and from the Bylaws to Resolutions
- Increases from three (3) months to one (1) year the time allowed to obtain 51% of member legislative boards' approval of changes to Articles of Agreement
- Terms of service modified to be at discretion of appointing authority

Simplicity:

- Simplifies and removes barriers for general purpose government membership
- Makes general purpose government membership more consistent across government types and throughout the region by basing representation on population
- Allows for other types of members than general purpose local governments to provide a broader perspective to Commission discussions

Timeline

For the amendments to the Articles of Agreement to take effect, at least 51% of Commission members' legislative bodies need to approve the revised Articles of Agreement by December 19, 2013. The revised Articles of Agreement and the Bylaws will take effect January 2014, on condition of ratification.

Desired Action

Adopt Amended MORPC Articles of Agreement presented via Resolution.

Attachment: Resolution