



DATE: July 24, 2017  
TO: Members of City Council  
Mayor Tom Kneeland  
FROM: Jennifer Teal, City Administrator  
SUBJECT: Council Update for Monday July 24, 2017

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**Action Item—Request to authorize Mayor to sign contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the Comprehensive, Continuing and Cooperative (3-C) Transportation Planning Process**

We are in recent receipt of a contract document from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) that solidifies their role providing short-and long-range transportation planning for the City. This contract does not represent a change in the services that MORPC provides for the City. Rather, it formalizes their role in a manner that complies with applicable State and Federal law.

The administration respectfully requests an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached contract in order to allow MORPC to continue providing Comprehensive, Continuing and Cooperative (3-C) transportation planning for the City.

**Action Item—Request to authorize Mayor to sign a cooperative agreement with Franklin County for Participation in the Franklin County Community Development Block Grant Program**

Franklin County is the annual recipient of three (3) federal allocations – 1) the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which benefits low and moderate income populations; 2) the HOME program which supports the creation and preservation of affordable housing and 3) the Emergency Solutions Grant which addresses homelessness.

Every three (3) years the County must complete a Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) recertification to allow jurisdictions such as yours to participate in the County's federal programs and continue to receive its benefits (benefits such as infrastructure improvements; economic development initiatives; housing programs and social services provided to individuals and families). Gahanna last authorized this cooperative agreement in 2014 with ORD-0096-2014.

Furthermore, by opting in, the population of Gahanna is counted in the calculation that HUD uses to determine allocations and serves to increase the final funding amounts the County will receive.

Unfortunately, Congress approved the County's federal allocations (the announcements should have occurred in February or March) very late this year. Because of that lateness and to meet the recertification process timeline the County needs to know from each jurisdiction by July 28th whether or not it plans to continue to participate in the program (continue to allow its residents to receive benefits from the programs that will be funded by the federal allocations). We have notified the County that we will be requesting Council authorization for this agreement at committee this week.

The administration is respectfully requesting an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached cooperative agreement with the County for these purposes.

**Update Item—GoForward Gahanna Status Update**

I am providing an updated GoForward Gahanna status report with information through Quarter 2 of 2017. This quarter I will focus my update on the status of the administration's efforts to extend the Managing for Results management philosophy that the strategic plan was built upon down into our individual departments.