



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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With 3 new communities MORPC soars to 88 members!



Here are the results for improving Central Ohio by each of the four Strategic Plan Pillars.



## DRIVE INVESTMENT

### INVESTING IN OUR REGION



**\$18 Million** Award to Expand Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure



Advancing Central Ohio Passenger Rail with Corridor ID Grants



**\$35 Billion** Planned in 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan



**\$140 Million** in One-Time Strategic Community Investment Funds and Capital Budget Through Working with the Columbus Partnership



**Coordination & Partnership on LinkUS Mobility Initiative**  
-Adopted First-Ever Regional Capital Improvements Program for Transit Supportive Infrastructure with 83 Projects  
-Approved Plan for \$8 Billion in Mass Transit Expansion & 500 Miles of Sidewalks and Trails



**Community Outreach:**  
-Drive Investment Newsletter  
-Created Money Mondays Youtube Portal  
-Esource Newsletter

### ADVOCACY EFFORTS



Public Policy Agenda for 2025-2026



Advocated and Received Additional Dollars for RTPOs and Increased Competitive Bidding Thresholds



Secured Federal Appropriations for 8 Projects Through Member Directed Spending with the Columbus Region Coalition



# BUILD VALUE FOR MEMBERS



Monthly Membership Newsletter



HBCU Connect utilized to post 28 member jobs



Ohio U Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials-28 Graduates



Association of Defense Communities Member



Community Based Planning Assistance Program



Ohio Rural Development Alliance Member



Central Ohio Defense Group Partner



Coordinate Mid-Ohio Finance Administrators (MOFA)



5 Regional Planning Area Meetings



**4 Rural Forums:**  
-Workforce Mobility  
-Housing for All Generations  
-Revitalization and Zoning for the Future



Planning Together: Schools and Communities (with MODE)



Central Ohio Defense Community Partnership Conference

## Pre-Commission Meeting Special Luncheons Spotlights Included:



**Colonel Andrew Powers**  
Commander, 121st Air Refueling Wing  
Ohio Air National Guard



**Joseph Nardone**  
President & CEO  
Columbus Regional Airport Authority



**Emily Smith**  
Ohio Public Affairs Director  
Intel



**Ted Carter Jr.**  
President  
The Ohio State University



**Steve Steinour**  
Chairman, President, & CEO  
Huntington Bank



- Annual State of the Region Summit on Sustainability
- Safe Streets Central Ohio
- Central Ohio Transportation Safety Forum
- Ohio Conference on Freight (Partner)
- Data Day
- Annual Social Media Summit
- Economic Development Forum (w/ US EDA, Ohio Program Rep)
- Transportation Innovation Forum
- Riverfest
- Supplier Diversity Procurement Fair
- Long Street Bridge Celebration

## MORPC Events



- Sustainable2050
- 38 Members with 20 Earning Certification
- Population Growth Data
- Community Based Planning Assistance
- Mid-Ohio Open Data Site
- Regional Housing Strategy Support
- Administered Clean Ohio Conservation Fund via Natural Resources Assistance Council
- Regional Community Energy Strategy-Free Solar Assessments and Funding for Rooftop Solar
- Launched Greenways Planning Studio with Rapid 5, to Create the Largest Interconnected Parks System in the Country

## Provided Benefits



# CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

## Economic Development Focus

- ▲ Established Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee
- ▲ Climate Action Plan
- ▲ Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy
- ▲ Central Ohio Passenger Rail Committee
- ▲ Ag Outreach Committee for Sustaining Scioto Board
- ▲ Leader in Regional Schools Energy Strategy
- ▲ Neighborhood Air Monitoring Program
- ▲ Education on Clean Energy Related Policies
- ▲ Weatherized **300** Homes & Repaired **38** Homes
- ▲ Franklin County Bd of Health LEAD Grant Remediation
- ▲ HUD Healthy Homes Grant/Radon & Lead Remediation
- ▲ Geographic Expansion of HWAP Service Area
- ▲ Utilized COCIC Grant
- ▲ Repaired homes at Leonard Park & Urbancrest
- ▲ Code Compliance Support to Renew Homes Non-Profit
- ▲ Hosted US Dept. of Energy Secretary with a Site Visit

## Partnerships for Prosperity

- ▲ **Updates with Every MORPC Community**
- ▲ **Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council**
- ▲ **Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS)**
- ▲ **Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)**
- ▲ **HBCU Connect**
- ▲ **National Center for Urban Solutions**
- ▲ **The Kings Arts Complex**
- ▲ **St. Stephen's Community House**
- ▲ **Columbus Urban League**





# ▶▶ PAY IT FORWARD



## Local Government Summer Internship Program

Leveraged  
**\$83,000**  
in scholarships

Leveraged  
**\$206,000**  
local government support

Hosted  
**51 Interns**  
in Central Ohio

Partnered with OSU Knowlton School & Easton Community Foundation to  
**Sponsor 3 Easton Future Fellows**

## Invested in Leaders

**HIRED**



**Parag Agrawal**

Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer  
& Senior Director of Programming

**HIRED**



**Jessica Kuenzli**

Chief Regional Planning Officer &  
Senior Director of Planning

**PROMOTED**



**Ralonda Hampton**

Senior Director of  
Communications & Engagement

Learn more about MORPC's team of leaders at [morpc.org/leadership](https://morpc.org/leadership)

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