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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Representative Report to City Council

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MORPC Highlights:

- **Legislative Update for May 2023** – State Operating Budget passes in the Ohio House with bipartisan support. Among the changes include a new school funding formula, increase in pay for direct elder care and disability service providers, and a cut to personal income taxes. [More information on here.](#)
- **Commission Luncheon with OU President, Dr. Hugh Sherman** – Held on May 10, 2023. MORPC has a strong partnership with Ohio University, with programming through the OU Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service, interns through the MORPC Local Government Summer Internship Program, “DATA Day” at OU Dublin Campus, and subject matter experts serving on various task forces, such as the MORPC Sustainability Advisory Council.
- **Summit on Sustainability Regional Award Nominations** – Nominations are being accepted for the Summit on Sustainability Regional Awards. Awards include Leadership in Sustainability, Collaborative Achievement in Sustainability Award, and Leadership in Mobility Award. Nominations close June 2, 2023. [More information here.](#)

Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

- *Friday May 19 from 7:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.*
Bike to Work Day – MORPC will host *National Bike to Work Day*, an annual event to encourage individuals to choose biking as an alternative to driving to work. There will be six designated spots around Columbus for participants to meet and ride to the Scioto Promenade on Friday morning. [More information here.](#)
- *Friday, May 19 from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*
Weatherization Day – MORPC will host an evening of fun with a bounce house, live DJ, and food trucks. Homeowners are invited to meet with intake specialists for private consultation to find out what free energy-saving home improvements may be available. The event will be held at the MORPC parking lot, 111 Liberty Street, Columbus, OH 43215. [More information here.](#)
- *Tuesday, May 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*
MORPC Central Area Update Breakfast – City of Columbus - Linden Community Center, 1350 Briarwood Ave, Columbus, OH 43211. MORPC convenes local governments in the Central area of our region for planning updates and information exchange. This includes Franklin County local government representatives and transportation / infrastructure partners located within I-270 or that border I-270. The event is free, but guests are encouraged to register. [More information here.](#)

- *Thursday, June 1 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

MORPC Executive Committee Meeting - Executive Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Commission regarding goals, objectives, strategic direction, public policy issues and budgetary issues, and is also authorized to address personnel matters, as well as operational and administrative policies and procedures. [More information here.](#)