



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
MORPC
PLANNING COMMISSION

2025

RETURN ON INVESTMENT



2025 MORPC ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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MORPC membership climbs to 90 members!



Drive Investment



Build Value for Members



Create an Environment for Prosperity



Pay it Forward

Here is how we are growing better as we grow bigger by each of our four Strategic Plan Pillars



DRIVE INVESTMENT

INVESTING IN OUR REGION

\$52 Million in MPO funding to 7 projects

11 MPO Projects submitted to TRAC

\$35 Million in Ohio Public Works Commission Infrastructure & Conservation funding

\$100 Million added to transportation via ODOT's Major New Capacity Program

MORPC helped the region win BUILD grants totaling **\$38 million**.

- \$25 million for Alum Creek Drive
- \$12 million for Linden Greenline
- \$800k for the Lancaster Eastside Industrail Complex

Technical Assistance Program: Village of Galena, City of Gahanna, City of Grove City, and City of Hilliard

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

Launched MORPC's Regional Economic Development Academy

- Six in-person workshops on economic and community development topics.
- Community Impact: 15 instructors and over 200 attendees including public officials, community leaders and planners, and economic development professionals.

Launched a refresh of the Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) program

- The new program aligns with the U.S. Economic Development Administration's investment priorities and features four new program pillars: Sustainable and Efficient Economic Growth, Infrastructure Planning and Implementation, Economic Resilience, and Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Secured **\$70,000** planning partnership grants for CEDS and ED District (2024-2025)

Completed first-year of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee

Midwest Connect route and 3C & D line continues to advance with support from local and private partners



BUILD VALUE FOR MEMBERS



State of the Region
Summit on Sustainability
Safe Streets Central Ohio
Ohio Conference on Freight (Partner)
Data Day
Social Media Summit
Energy Forum Series
Transportation Innovation Forum
Riverfest

MORPC Events



Community Based Planning Assistance Program
HBCU Connect utilized to post 20 member jobs
Association of Defense Communities Member
Ohio Rural Development Alliance Member
Central Ohio Defense Group partner
Coordinate Mid-Ohio Finance Administrators (MOFA)
Sustainable2050 39 members, 20 earning certification
Expanded Greenways Planning Studio
Regional Housing Strategy - forums and data to address challenges

Provided Benefits

KEEPING MEMBERS INFORMED

- 5 Regional Planning Area Updates
- 3 Rural Forums: Dynamic Community Engagement; Mobility and Workforce Development; and Local Economic Vitality.
- 4 Regional Data Roundtable Meetings
- 4 Regional Information and Data Group Meeting
- 4 Central Ohio GIS User Group Meetings
- Regional Water Study
- Central Ohio Defense Community Partnership Conference
- 88 Member Visits

Pre-Commission Meeting Special Luncheons Spotlights Included:



Derrick Clay
CEO
Columbus Chamber



Jason Hall
CEO
Columbus Partnership



**Leaders Conversation
on the Housing
Challenge**



**Informational Discussion
on the State Capital
Budget**

PLANS AND STUDIES



Regional Mobility Plan



Get Ready Initiative
long-range plan for
40-minute drive time
from Intel



Developed 2026-2029
\$4.2 Billion Transportation
Improvement Program



Facilitated Franklin
County Transportation
Improvement District and
Central Ohio Greenways



Actionable Insights Report
from Leaders Listen Survey



Central Ohio Regional
Water Study



Planning level forecast
travel volumes
• LinkUS BRT Corridors
• Traffic studies for economic
development



Complete Streets
Policy Update



BUILD VALUE FOR MEMBERS

HOSTED FOR MEMBERS

Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization
Central Ohio Economic Development District Board
Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Board
Executive Committee
Reserve & Investment Subcommittee
Nominating Committee

Decision-Making Boards

Regional Data Roundtable
Regional Sustainability Roundtable
Central Ohio Water Advisory Council
Central Ohio Greenways Advisory Council
Regional Policy Roundtable

Advisory Roundtables & Councils

Franklin County Housing Advisory Board
Public Works Integrating Committee
Natural Resources Assistance Council
Franklin County Transportation Improvement District
Ohio Association of Regional Councils
Columbus Region Coalition
Rail Executive Network
Central Ohio Systems Management Organizational Sharing
LinkUS TSI Leadership Committee
Mid-Ohio Financial Administrators
LinkUS TSI Technical Coordinating Council
LinkUS TSI Technical Working Groups
Central Ohio Defense Group

MORPC Supported Committees

▶▶ PAY IT FORWARD

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Leveraged
\$85,300
in scholarships

Leveraged
\$200,000
local government support

Placed
50 Interns
in Central Ohio

Central Ohio Greenways partnered with OSU Knowlton School & Easton Community
To Sponsor 3 Easton Future Fellows



CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY



MORPC WEATHERIZED 400 HOMES & REPAIRED 96 HOMES

- ▲ Partnered with Westerville and received a Grant to Rehab homes in Westerville
- ▲ Received 2nd Healthy Homes Grant for Radon & Lead remediation through 2028
- ▲ Geographic Expansion of Home Weatherization Assistance Program Service Area
- ▲ Received Google Grid Grant for Weatherization
- ▲ Received Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act for Weatherization through 2029

Services & Resources Provided

GOHIO MOBILITY

- ▲ Getting Around Franklin County Guide
- ▲ Enhanced Gohio Mobility Version 2.0 software update
- ▲ Regional Mobility Plan Report
- ▲ Transportation Provider Survey



GOHIO COMMUTE

- ▲ Vanpool program grew in Central Ohio by 76.9% in 2025, adding 20 new vanpools
- ▲ Statewide Gohio Commute Mobile App with localized language feature
- ▲ Commute Perks Reward Program
- ▲ 3rd Annual Statewide Ohio Commuter Challenge
- ▲ MORPC's Gohio Commute Rideshare Program participation increased by 62.68% in 2025, reaching 3343 participants

Community Partnerships

- ▲ Central Ohio Belonging Consortium
- ▲ Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)
- ▲ National Center for Urban Solutions
- ▲ The Columbus Urban League
- ▲ The King Arts Complex
- ▲ Columbus Council on World Affairs
- ▲ ULI - Columbus
- ▲ St. Stephen's Community House
- ▲ National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP)
- ▲ Franklin County ConnectUS Coalition (ConnectUS)
- ▲ Center for Urban and Regional Analysis at The Ohio State University
- ▲ Translational Data Analytics Institute at The Ohio State University (TDAI)
- ▲ Sustainability Institute at The Ohio State University
- ▲ Assist Translation Services

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTS!



- ▲ ***NEW*** Columbus State Community College accelerated training center
- ▲ Capital University employees and their dependent children
- ▲ Columbus College of Art & Design Masters in UX Design
- ▲ Denison Edge
- ▲ Franklin University
- ▲ Ohio University
- ▲ The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs MAPS Program
- ▲ Otterbein University Benefits members, spouses and/or domestic partners and member's children



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