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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL APRIL 6, 2026

2026 MORPC MEETING SCHEDULE

[The 2026 MORPC meeting calendar is attached.](#)

MORPC Board of Commissioners Meeting

- The Commission met on March 12, 2026; the meeting was live-streamed.
- No Commission meeting in April. Rather, there are four area meetings throughout the month.

[Click here for more information on upcoming Commission meetings.](#)

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

[Read MORPC's full March legislative update here.](#)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- *[Air Quality Report](#)*: MORPC released its annual report analyzing regional air quality trends and public health impacts, with daily forecasting and alerts.
- *[Climate Action Plan](#)*: MORPC's regional plan outlines strategies to improve air quality, advance equity, and support a resilient, sustainable future.
- New Member Community: *[MORPC welcomed Sharon Township as its 95th member.](#)*
- State of the Region: Nearly 1,000 leaders attended MORPC's 2026 event, highlighting regional growth and future mobility investments. *[Watch the recording on YouTube.](#)*
- *[Read MORPC's Supplement in Columbus Business First](#)*
- Age-Friendly Innovation Center: *[Opportunities for older adults](#)*
- Free Residential Services: *[No-cost home repair weatherization program.](#)*

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- Gohio Commute Winter Challenge: [Win gift cards by using sustainable travel options.](#)
- Insights Data Platform: [Explore this interactive data platform.](#)
- Local Economic Assistance Program (LEAP): [A new technical assistance initiative.](#)
- MORPC Podcast: [Find episodes on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Music, or click here.](#)
- Public Engagement: [Access MORPC press releases and news articles here.](#)
- Regional Housing Strategy: Contact Juliana Silveira at jsilveira@morpc.org, with MORPC, to develop a housing or growth workshop.
- Consultant Services Program: [Learn about MORPC's list of 39 prequalified consultants available to support member community projects, here,](#) or contact jsilveira@morpc.org for additional information.
- Recorded Webinar on Federal Community Project Funding: [Watch now.](#)

KEY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

DRIVE INVESTMENT

- **Corridor Identification and Development (CID) program:** passenger rail planning and federal funding coordination
- **Economic development strategy:** Competitive Advantage Projects, and leadership training - [Competitive Advantage Projects \(CAP\) Program](#)
- **Federal Transportation Reauthorization:** A [newly introduced bipartisan bill](#) would boost planning funding and better align federal programs with regional priorities.
- **Grants:** MORPC partners with local and federal agencies on several grant opportunities
- [Brownfield Assistance:](#) Provides grants and technical assistance to support environmental assessment and cleanup planning for contaminated properties.
- **State and federal infrastructure funding coordination:** Ohio Public Works Commission (OWPC), Clean Ohio, Transportation Review Advisory Council
- **Supportive Infrastructure:** Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and LinkUS Transit
- [TC Energy Build Strong Grant:](#) Provides funding for community projects that promote equity, sustainability, and local engagement near TC Energy operations.
- [Transformational Mixed-Use Development Program:](#) State tax credit program supporting mixed-use projects with retail, office, residential, and hospitality components.
- **Transportation safety initiatives:** Including Safe Streets and Roads for All implementation, launching Coalition for Integrated Roads User Safety (CIRUS)
- [Un-Sewered Area Assistance Program:](#) State funding supports construction of public sewer systems in unsewered areas to address failing on-site systems.

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[Learn more about investment opportunities here.](#)

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

- [Ohio New Markets Tax Credit Program](#)
- [Climate Smart Communities Initiative 2026 Grants](#)
- [T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program](#)
- [Residential Development Revolving Loan Program](#)

UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

REGIONAL PLANNING UPDATE LUNCHEONS

MORPC will host luncheons for public service professionals in transportation, infrastructure, land use, economic development, and sustainability.

This year, all four meetings will be in April:

- [Northwest Area: Wednesday, April 8th at Jerome Township](#)
- [Northeast Area: Thursday, April 16th at the City of Johnstown](#)
- [Southwest Area: Wednesday, April 22nd at Prairie Township Community Center](#)
- [Southeast Area: Thursday, April 23rd at Lockbourne Event Center](#)

OHIO CHILD CARE POLICY SUMMIT | APRIL 14

This summit will convene employers, policymakers, and childcare leaders to explore solutions to Ohio's child care challenges. [Learn more about the summit here.](#)

HOUSING RESOURCE FAIR | APRIL 25

MORPC will host a community event connecting residents with housing resources, financial education, and local experts. [Learn more about the Housing Resource Fair here.](#)

AIR QUALITY EARTH MONTH WEBINAR | APRIL 29

MORPC will host a webinar on regional air quality, highlighting sustainability efforts and health impacts of air pollution. [Register for the webinar here.](#)

BIKE TO WORK DAY | MAY 13

The second annual Regional Bike to Work Day on May 13, 2026, encourages participants to host their own Bike to Work Day events at their local offices, supporting employees in biking to work. Questions? Contact MORPC's Gohio Commute Team at gohio@morpc.org.

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OHIO CONFERENCE ON FREIGHT | AUGUST 24–26

Save the date for this statewide conference at the Hilton Columbus Downtown focused on freight and logistics.

MONEY MONDAYS

Every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., MORPC hosts **Money Mondays** virtual presentations. These sessions are an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about key funding opportunities.

[Click here to register for Money Mondays and be added to our calendar invite list.](#)

[Click here to view the video archive of past Money Mondays webinars.](#)

SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES

Share your ongoing projects, milestone accomplishments, and future priorities with MORPC at economicdevelopment@morpc.org.



2026 State of the Region