

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

December 1, 2023

MORPC Highlights:

- 2024 Data Day Venturing Together Into the Unknown On February 7, 2024, MORPC will host an opportunity to learn more about what our region is doing to promote data-driven decision-making, and how various communities are using, securing, governing, and visualizing data. The event will be held from 9 a.m. 4 p.m. at the Ohio University Dublin Integrated Education Center. *More information here*.
- T-Mobile Grants Available T-Mobile is awarding up to \$50,000 for shovel-ready projects to foster local connections, like technology upgrades, outdoor spaces, the arts, and community centers. Elected officials, staff, tribal leaders, or nonprofit leaders from communities with fewer than 50,000 residents can apply. Proposals must include plans, budget, timeline, anticipated impact, and letters of support. *More information here*.
- MORPC is Hiring Looking for a new career? MORPC is hiring! MORPC recognizes the value of a
 healthy work-life balance for our team members and as such, we provide a variety of benefits to
 promote that balance. Learn more about positions available at MORPC. <u>More information here</u>.
- MORPC Announces Padmini Roy-Dixon as Economic Development Director & Regional Innovation Officer In this role, Roy-Dixon will provide leadership for the regional planning organization to direct and develop economic development and strategic infrastructure programming. She will oversee a broad spectrum of economic development initiatives, including the compliance and implementation of the United States Economic Development Agency (USEDA)-designated Columbus Region Economic Development District (CREDD), lead the Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and oversee grants and other activities. *More information here.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regional Information & Data Group Meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 2:00 PM. <u>More information here.</u>
- Sustainable 2050 Meeting Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 9:30 AM. More information here.
- MORPC Commission Meeting Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 1:30 PM. More information here.