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

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MORPC Highlights:

- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Open House was held March 28, 2023. Central Ohioans learned about what transportation projects in their area could receive funding in 2024-2027. Public comments are still being accepted through April 10. [More information on here.](#)
- **In the News on Amtrak Rail Service** – William Murdock, Executive Director of MORPC, and Stu Nicholson of All Aboard Ohio featured in 10TV story “Ohio commission moves one step closer toward expanding passenger rail service”. Murdock and Nicholson discuss timeline and benefits of rail service that could come to the region. [More information here.](#) MORPC was also interviewed in WOSU’s *All Sides with Ann Fisher* on plans for passenger rail. Marc Magliari, Amtrak Spokesperson, is interviewed along with Murdock and Nicholson. [Listen to the interview here.](#)
- **MORPC State of the Region** – Held on March 31, 2023. Featured Keynote Speaker Charles Small, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, US Department of Transportation, who highlighted the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Ohio’s strong advocacy for federal project funding from state and local leadership.

Pictured right: State Representative Mary Lightbody, Mifflin Township Trustee Richard Angelou, and City Councilmember Karen Angelou.



Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

- *Thursday, April 6 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.](#)
- *Thursday, April 13 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*
MORPC Commission Meeting - MORPC’s board of commissioners determines the strategic direction of the agency. Local government members appoint elected officials and staff to serve as their representatives to the commission. All meetings are open to the public. [More information here.](#)