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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MARCH 2, 2026

2026 MORPC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

MORPC Board of Commissioners Meeting

- The Commission met on February 12, 2026. The meeting was live-streamed.
- The upcoming Commission meeting planned for March 12, 2025.

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

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- [Catch up on MORPC's full February legislative highlights here!](#)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Age-Friendly Innovation Center:** [Learn about strategies to support older adults in accessing affordable housing and preparing for extreme weather events.](#)
- **Free Residential Services:** [Learn about MORPC's no-cost home repair weatherization program and apply here.](#)
- **Gohio Commute Winter Challenge:** [Through March 27th, click here for a chance to win gift cards by exploring sustainable travel options.](#)
- **Insights Data Platform:** [Explore this interactive data platform curated with regional, county, and community-level trends in transportation, sustainability, and housing.](#)

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- **Local Economic Assistance Program (LEAP):** [Learn about a new direct technical assistance initiative designed to help communities across the region become grant-ready.](#)
- **New Podcast:** This episode, Joe Garrity asks Whitehall Mayor Michael Bivens about his journey in public service and the Central Ohio Defense Group. [Find the episode on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Music, or click here.](#)
- **Public Engagement:** [Access MORPC press releases and news articles here.](#)

KEY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

- Guidance from members of Congress for opportunities to secure local capital and infrastructure funding can be found here:
- [Senator Jon Husted \(Due 3/9\)](#)
- [Rep. Joyce Beatty \(Due 3/9\)](#)
- [Rep. Dave Taylor \(Due 3/13\)](#)
- [Rep. Mike Carey \(Due 3/20\)](#)
- [Senator Bernie Moreno \(Due 3/30\)](#)
- [House Appropriations Committee Guidance](#)

STATE CAPITAL BUDGET:

- [Application Form \(Due 3/12\)](#)
- [Examples of Eligible Projects](#)
- [Find My Legislators](#)

Please contact Kyle Probert (kprobert@morpc.org) with any questions or requests for assistance.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

- **Corridor Identification and Development (CID) program:** passenger rail planning and federal funding coordination
- **Grants:** MORPC partners with local and federal agencies on several grant opportunities
- **Supportive Infrastructure:** Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and LinkUS Transit
- **Transportation safety initiatives:** Including Safe Streets and Roads for All implementation, launching Coalition for Integrated Roads User Safety (CIRUS)
- **State and federal infrastructure funding coordination:** Ohio Public Works Commission (OWPC), Clean Ohio, Transportation Review Advisory Council

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- **Economic development strategy:** Competitive Advantage Projects, and leadership training - [Competitive Advantage Projects \(CAP\) Program](#)
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs):** Recently convened to review strategies for economic and community development across the region. [Share your insights on desired updates here, through March 5, 2026.](#)
- [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

FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING | MARCH 6

A webinar on FY27 Community Project Funding, featuring Alexander Chanock, Legislative Director for Congresswoman Joyce Beatty. Contact Kyle Probert at kprobert@morpc.org with questions or [click here to register for the funding webinar.](#)

STATE OF THE REGION | FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Premier annual event highlighting regional plans and achievements. Keynote speaker Greg Lindsay, an urban innovation leader. [Click here to learn more about the 2026 State of the Region.](#)

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.

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