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

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Highlights

MORPC Commission/Committee Meeting:

- MORPC held its monthly commission and committee meetings on Thursday, June 13, 2024. The full meeting packet is available for review [here](#).

Join the Public Policy Agenda Working Group:

- MORPC'S Government Affairs team is seeking MORPC members to participate on the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda Working Group. This group discusses key policy issues affecting Central Ohio local governments and produces our Public Policy Agenda, which guides our advocacy before the Statehouse and Congress.
- The PPA Working Group will meet monthly from July to September. Click the link to fill out an interest form. [More information here](#).

Legislative Update:

- State lawmakers are getting closer to finalizing a bill to appropriate \$700 million in One-Time Strategic Community Investment Funds.
- Meanwhile, the Capital Budget - and funding for the Ohio Public Works Commission - remain to be addressed. Read more here in the [June 2024 Legislative Update](#).

Money Mondays Archive & Upcoming Sessions:

- You can view previous MORPC "Money Mondays" with Regional Investment Officer, Dr. Todd Bradley, on the MORPC YouTube Channel [here](#). These sessions are an opportunity for members to learn more about key funding opportunities. To sign up for upcoming webinars, complete this [registration here](#). Upcoming Money Monday sessions include:
 - July 8 – Affordable Housing and Rural Housing Efforts in Lancaster
 - July 15 – Working with the Chamber
 - July 22 – Village of Somerset Tom Johnson and Trace Johnson
 - July 29 – MORPC Planner/Consultant Pool for Members

Upcoming Events

Social Media Summit:

Tuesday, August 6 at MORPC (111 Liberty St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215)

- Save the date for MORPC's annual Social Media Summit. This year's Summit will focus on a variety of topics related to social media, including misinformation and compelling storytelling through social media. More details are forthcoming and will be posted in the coming weeks.

Safe Streets Central Ohio: Creating Vibrant Communities:

Thursday, September 26 at MORPC at Wigwam Event Center (10190 Blacklick Eastern Rd. Pickerington, OH 43147)

- Safe Streets Central Ohio is an annual event hosted by MORPC in collaboration with key partners to highlight efforts throughout the region to reduce the number of traffic fatalities and severe injuries occurring on our roadways. This event provides an opportunity for local decision-makers, transportation professionals, and public health practitioners, advocates, and other partners to come together to share, learn, and network with a focus on transportation safety. [More information here.](#)