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# MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL APRIL 27, 2026

## 2026 MORPC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

The Northeast regional meeting was held on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in the city of Johnstown.

## MORPC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Commission will next meet on **May 14, 2026**; the meeting will be live-streamed.

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

## LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

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

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## MORPC'S BILLS TO WATCH

1. HOUSE BILL 445 – METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
2. HOUSE BILL 109 – SHORT-TERM RENTALS
3. HOUSE BILL 292 – ESTABLISH THE OHIO DEFENSE COMMISSION
4. HOUSE BILL 646 – DATA CENTER STUDY COMMISSION
5. HOUSE BILL 609 – PUBLIC COMMENT REQUIREMENTS AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- [Air Quality Report](#): Learn about daily forecasting and alerts
- [Age-Friendly Innovation Center](#): Explore opportunities for older adults
- [Free Residential Services](#): Learn about no-cost home repair and weatherization
- [Gohio Commute](#): Explore sustainable travel options in your region
- [Insights Data Platform](#): Explore MORPC's data platform
- [MORPC Podcast](#): Find episodes on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Music, or [click here](#)

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## SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES

MORPC invites community members to share their insights. Below are listed just a few opportunities.

- [Leaders Listen Survey](#): A set of short surveys asking for input on service experiences
- [Request for Proposals](#): To provide professional services for an improved Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - Due to MORPC by 5:00 p.m., on **April 29, 2026**
- [Public Comment](#): The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) welcomes input on updates to its public participation plan – Due April 30, 2026
- [Linkus Public Meetings](#): Learn more about COTA’s new Bus Rapid Transit corridor and share your thoughts – Next meeting May 9, 2026
- **Tell Us More**: Share your ongoing projects, milestone accomplishments, and future priorities with MORPC at [economicdevelopment@morpc.org](mailto:economicdevelopment@morpc.org).

## KEY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### DRIVE INVESTMENT

- [BASICS ACT](#): This bipartisan bill improves alignment between federal programs and regional priorities.
- [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#): Federal grant funding for projects to improve roadway safety; applications due **May 26, 2026**.
- [Transformational Mixed-Use Development Program](#): State tax credit program supporting mixed-use projects.
- [Un-Sewered Area Assistance Program](#): State funding supporting construction of public sewer systems in unsewered areas.

### MORE OPPORTUNITIES

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

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## UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

### EARTH MONTH AIR QUALITY 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.](#)

[Learn about additional Earth Month opportunities through the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio \(SWACO\) 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](mailto:gohio@morpc.org).

### PRE-COMMISSION LUNCHEON | MAY 14

MORPC will host a panel discussion on the growth of data centers, exploring planning, infrastructure, and policy considerations. [Register here for the luncheon.](#)

### MOBILITY EXCHANGE | JUNE 17

MORPC and partners will host a full-day event at OSU's Vitria on the Square, bringing together transportation innovation and safety discussions. [Register here for the exchange.](#)

### 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.](#)



Northeast Regional Meeting, 4/16/2026

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