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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, September 12, 2024. [More information here.](#)
  - Next meeting – October 10, 2024
- **MORPC Member Visit – September 26, 2024**
  - MORPC Presentation available [here.](#)
- **Summit on Sustainability – October 29, 2024**
  - Registration is now open for MORPC's premier annual environmental conference, the Summit on Sustainability. The environmental conference brings hundreds of community leaders together to explore and share sustainable ideas and solutions. Learn more [here.](#)
  - This year's Summit will be headlined by city planner and author of the bestselling book *Walkable City*, Jeff Speck. Following his talk, local leaders from central Ohio will present Pecha Kucha-style presentations highlighting their passion for sustainability.
  - Register [here](#)
    - When:** October 29, 2024
    - Where:** Hilton Columbus Downtown
    - Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Education Partnerships**
  - **Denison Edge**
    - 25% off MBA quality, upskilling programs. [edge.denison.edu](https://edge.denison.edu) Located in downtown Columbus. Offers a series of career-relevant programs and a collaborative learning environment for lifelong learners to advance with highly competitive skill sets. [edge.denison.edu](https://edge.denison.edu) Please use promo code DE25 for 25% off any program!
  - **Franklin University**
    - MORPC-member government employees can receive 20% tuition discounts on undergraduate and master degrees, 10% discount on doctoral online programs, and free books for many degrees. More information on the partnership is available in this one-page fact sheet or by going to [franklin.edu/MORPC](https://franklin.edu/MORPC). Those interested can contact Danielle Cordes, Partnership Account Manager, at 614.947.6829 or [Danielle.Cordes@franklin.edu](mailto:Danielle.Cordes@franklin.edu).
  - **The Ohio State University - John Glenn College of Public Affairs**

- MORPC has partnered with OSU John Glenn College of Public Affairs to offer a 20% discount on the Management Advancement for the Public Service (MAPS) courses. These courses provide professional training in leadership, personal development, diversity and inclusion, program management, and more. These short, intensive classes are offered online or on campus. They are specifically designed for public and nonprofit employees at all career levels. To register for a course, see the partner flyer or course description calendar. You will be asked to enter membership code MORPC24 to receive the MORPC partner price of \$225 per course – a 20% savings. More information on MAPS is available [here](#)
- **Ohio University - Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service**
  - Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service have partnered to encourage more public-sector professionals to pursue a graduate degree, while also providing students with practical experience in local government. Employees who work for a MORPC-member government are eligible to receive 15% off tuition when pursuing eligible programs, including the Executive Master of Public Administration (MPA). More information is available at [www.ohio.edu/online/scholarships](http://www.ohio.edu/online/scholarships). Those interested can contact Joe Wakeman, Manager of Enrollment and Student Success, at 740.593.2133 or [wakemanj@ohio.edu](mailto:wakemanj@ohio.edu).
- **Ohio University - Leadership Academy, part of the Ohio Certified Public Manager Program**
  - Ohio University also offers The Leadership Academy at Ohio University, as part of the Ohio Certified Public Manager Program. This 12-day, once-per-month set of workshops at the Dublin campus are for emerging and mid-level employees in public service who want to build their leadership skills. Learn more and register [here](#).
- **Ohio University - Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials Training Series**
  - This introductory program for public servants features two full-day, in-person workshops, three half-day virtual workshops, and a field trip in Central Ohio. Contact [GVAcademy@ohio.edu](mailto:GVAcademy@ohio.edu)
- **Ohio Online Partnership**
  - MORPC has partnered with the Ohio University's OHIO Online to offer a 10% discount on eligible online undergraduate programs and certificates as well as a 15% discount on eligible graduate programs and certificates.
  - This incentive scholarship can be applied to instructional, general, program, and non-resident fees for enrolled courses, but it does not apply to any credits taken at the Athens or regional campuses. Full- and part-time active MORPC-member government employees have access to these discounts in addition to a \$10,000 discount towards the College of Business Online MBA and all online MBA concentration programs during the Fall 2024 semester. To search eligible programs and enroll, please visit the OHIO Online Incentive Scholarships webpage for more information.
- **Otterbein University Partnership**
  - MORPC has partnered with Otterbein University to offer an estimated \$20,000 award to the dependent children of MORPC-member government employees as well as member employees at the undergraduate level. In addition, MORPC member employees and spouses/domestic partners can receive a 15% discount on the undergraduate and graduate credit hour rate as part-time undergraduate and graduate students in some programs.
- **Otterbein Educational Advantage Scholarship**
  - For dependent children of MORPC member employees, is available to any undergraduate who starts at Otterbein prior to the age of 24 while still an IRS dependent and who has not completed a Bachelor's degree. Those already

enrolled at Otterbein are not eligible. Those interested can contact Phanawn Bailey, Advantage Partnership Admission Coordinator, at 614.823.1355 or [bailey1@otterbein.edu](mailto:bailey1@otterbein.edu).

- **Coalition for the Common Good Educational Advantage Partnership**
  - For MORPC member employees and spouse/domestic partners is designed to support employees and spouse/domestic partners enrolling as part-time undergraduate or graduate students. The 15% discount applies to any part-time undergraduate student and part-time graduate students enrolled in Coalition for the Common Good graduate programs. Those interested can contact Bridget Newell, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, at 614.823.1735 or [bnewell@otterbein.edu](mailto:bnewell@otterbein.edu)
  - **Coalition for the Common Good Advantage Partnership** programs are available for MORPC Member Employees and Spouse/Domestic Partners:
    - All the Antioch University Graduate Programs: <https://www.antioch.edu/academics/program-finder/>
    - Otterbein University Master of Science in Athletic Training: <https://www.otterbein.edu/gradschool/athletic-training/>
    - Otterbein University Master of Arts in Teaching: <https://www.otterbein.edu/programs/master-of-arts-in-teaching>
    - Otterbein University Graduate Nursing programs, excluding CRNA: <https://www.otterbein.edu/gradschool/nursing/>
- **Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) - 2024 APBP webinar series**
  - The 2024 APBP webinar series is listed below or visit the new APBP Education Center to see the details of each monthly webinar. MORPC will be hosting group viewings of these webinars throughout 2024. If you are unable to join us for the group viewings, you can find webinar pricing information for individuals or company group access here.
  - All APBP webinars begin at 3 p.m. ET on the third Wednesday of each month, unless there is a conflict with a major holiday/observance. Monthly webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit.
    - August 21, 2024 – Bike Comfort: Expanding our Understanding Through Data and Empathy
    - September 18, 2024 – Planning for New Forms of Micromobility
    - October 16, 2024 – Moving from World Class Trails to Fully Connected Mobility Networks
    - November 20, 2024 – Multi-benefit Corridors: Designing Our Streets for Multisystem Benefits
    - December 18, 2024 – University Transportation Centers 101: An Overview of the UTC Program and Exploring How Practitioners Can Engage the Process
- **YWCA Discounted Trainings**
  - MORPC is a proud partner of the YWCA Columbus. As a member benefit, MORPC members can engage in discounted training facilitated by the YWCA. Members can receive 10% off the total cost of their first service contract for the calendar year. For more information, please contact Ralonda Hampton, MORPC's Diversity, Inclusion, and Engagement Officer at [rhampton@morpc.org](mailto:rhampton@morpc.org).

For more information on the above visit [www.morpc.org/about-morpc/member-benefits](http://www.morpc.org/about-morpc/member-benefits) or contact Alli Mancz, MORPC Intern Program Coordinator [amanz@morpc.org](mailto:amanz@morpc.org); 614-233-4164; OR Eileen Leuby, MORPC Member Services Officer [eleuby@morpc.org](mailto:eleuby@morpc.org) 614-233-4135.