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## MORPC welcomes Smart City Funder - Spencer Reeder of Vulcan Inc., as Breakfast Keynote Speaker for Summit on Sustainability

(Columbus, OH – September 8, 2016) SmartColumbus will be highlighted during the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC's) annual Summit on Sustainability featuring keynote speaker, Spencer Reeder from Vulcan, Inc., a contributor of \$10 million to supplement U.S. Department of Transportation's \$40 million Smart City award. The daylong conference is scheduled Friday, October 21 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

Reeder, sponsored by AEP, Air Force One, and The Ohio State University, will keynote the morning breakfast program to discuss the purpose behind SmartColumbus, which will harness data, technology and creativity to re-imagine how people and goods move throughout the region. Reeder leads Vulcan's climate and energy work within its philanthropy group, Paul G. Allen's Vulcan Inc. He will explain their support for the Smart City vision. The morning program is focused on [Sustainability: Purpose, Planning, & Partnerships](#).

Reeder's career spans two decades of academic, government, and private-sector work in domestic and international science, technology and related policy, including leading USAID's climate work in Vietnam under the agency's Climate Change Resilience Development program. Spencer served as a climate policy strategist within Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire's administration and prior to that conducted geophysical field research in Central Asia, South America and Antarctica. Reeder earned an M.S. in Aerospace Engineering Sciences from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington. He was twice selected as a finalist for NASA's astronaut program.

The Summit brings together hundreds of community leaders to learn, share and discuss sustainable ideas and solutions. This year's theme, *Feeding Our Economy*, will focus on sharing best practices that can be applied by local communities, regions and businesses to enhance the built environment in which we live. [The Green Region awards](#) will also be presented at the Luncheon. Registration and more information is available at [www.morpc.org](http://www.morpc.org).

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