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**NOTICE OF A MEETING
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 Liberty St., #100
Columbus, OH 43215**

April 20, 2022, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

AGENDA

- 2:30 – 2:40 pm** **Welcome and Introductions** – *Ben Kessler, Chair and Laurie Jadwin, Vice Chair*
- 2:40 – 2:55 pm** **[2022 Summit on Sustainability](#)** – *Amanda McElDowney, MORPC*
- 2:55 – 3:15 pm** **Working Group/Board Updates** – *Ben Kessler, Chair*
- Sustainable2050: *Ben Kessler*
 - Sustaining Scioto Board: *Glenn Marzluff*
 - Energy & Air Quality Working Group: *Matt Stephens-Rich*
 - Central Ohio Greenways Board: *Mike Andrako*
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm** **[Intel MORPC Member Forum and Next Steps](#)** – *Kerstin Carr, MORPC*
- 3:30 – 3:45 pm** **[Policy Update](#)** – *Joe Garrity, MORPC*
- 3:45 – 4:00 pm** **Member Updates and Other Business** – *Laurie Jadwin, Vice Chair*
- Member updates
 - Next meeting June 8
- 4:00 pm** **Adjourn**

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or LKaufman@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

**The next Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
will be on June 8, 2022 at 2:30 pm
Details will follow.**

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

Chris Amorose Groomes
Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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SAVE THE DATE 2022

SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABILITY *Transforming Our Region*

October 14, 2022
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Hilton Columbus Downtown



LOGISTICS



Schedule:

- Registration & Networking
- Opening Plenary Session
- Breakout Sessions
- Breakout Sessions
- Lunch Plenary Session
- Breakout Sessions
- Breakout Sessions

Potential Keynotes Speakers:

Michael Regan - Administrator, U.S. EPA

Mitchell Silver – Former Commissioner, New York City Parks Department

REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Nominations Open May 2nd



LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY



COLLABORATIVE ACHIEVEMENT



LEADERSHIP IN MOBILITY



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HOW CAN YOU HELP US

- Work directly with program staff on breakout session topics, descriptions, and speakers
- Work with us on securing sponsorships
- Encourage your networks to attend the Summit on Sustainability



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Central Ohio Greenways Board (Chair: Mike Andrako, P.E.)

Next meeting May 18, 2022

The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board met on March 9, 2022. The Board discussed formation of a Nomination Committee, which would assist with filling open Board and working group seats by reaching out to potential members who can bring additional insights and expertise. The group also chose to temporarily merge the Trail Development & Partnership working groups and the Marketing/

Communications & Operations/Access working groups, to facilitate intersections in their work over the coming months.

Trail Development and Partnership Working Groups: Members have begun meeting with Central Ohio communities to learn more about current and future trail projects and discuss how COG can support those efforts, through regional coordination, grant funding applications, and more.

Marketing & Communications and Operations & Access Working Groups: Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 23rd from Noon to 5 PM, and join COG partners for Celebrate Trails Day. Events will take place in communities across Central Ohio, including Dublin, London, and Knox County. Additionally, MORPC staff, COG partners, trail user groups, and community organizations will be participating in a Celebrate Trails event at Genoa Park, as part of the Earth Day Columbus celebration. Thank you to Eric Oberg and the Rails to Trails Conservancy for lending their leadership and support to this event.

April 23rd also marks the relaunch of the Outdoor Trails Passport in partnership with Experience Columbus. This online application rewards trail users with an opportunity to win prizes by checking in at over two dozen locations across the COG network. Watch for media campaigns advertising the passport and the unique locations along the trails.

Working group members continue to advise MORPC's Trail Town Framework planning effort, which will provide recommendations to rural towns and communities on how to utilize trail connectivity for economic development, tourism, and quality of life: all steps communities may take toward launching a trail town program. The project remains on schedule to wrap up in July 2022.

Finally, a MORPC/COG proposal to complete a regional trail wayfinding strategy was selected to be included in the ODOT SFY23 Statewide Planning & Research (SPR) Part A Work Program. Pending FHWA approval, this project will assist communities to plan for and implement a cohesive wayfinding strategy that unifies the COG trail network and celebrates the uniqueness of Central Ohio's communities. The project will result in a guide that recommends a cohesive regional approach to wayfinding.



Energy & Air Quality Working Group (Chair: Matt Stephens-Rich)

Next meeting: May 24, 2022

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group had its second meeting of the year on March 22 with a specific focus on an education and engagement strategy surrounding SB 52 and the new powers it gives county commissioners and

township trustees to restrict utility-scale solar and wind. After being briefed by Steve Tugend of Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, the group heard two perspectives from working group members Dale Arnold of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and Zach McGuire of the Columbus Partnership. From the discussion the working group recommended drafting the “Energy Generation Policy Brief”: a policy guide targeted for local government officials and community leaders to address land use, clean energy generation, climate mitigation, and economic opportunities that solar projects can provide in the MORPC region. Once completed and reviewed by the working group, the chair will take the policy guide before the Sustainability Advisory Committee for further review.

In energy-related programming, the cities of Delaware and Upper Arlington recently earned bronze and gold SolSmart designations, respectively, making the process of doing solar easier in both communities. Upper Arlington became the first community to earn gold in the state of Ohio. Additionally, MORPC is continuing to speak with any local government and or school district leaders who are interested in bringing solar, EVs, and electric buses to their communities through the Regional Schools Energy Strategy or ReSES. If interested, please contact Brian Filiatraut (bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

March 1 marked the start of ozone monitoring season. Staff continues to move forward with the neighborhood level air monitoring program and worked with Franklin County Public Health to apply for a federal air monitoring grant with a focus on environmental justice and health disparities. COSI is producing signage and will be hosting an air monitor at their facility. The team is also planning for Air Quality Awareness Week May 2-6.



Sustainable2050

Next meeting: Friday, June 17, 2022

The March 18 meeting focused on waste reduction, composting, and recycling with a presentation from Kyle O’Keefe from SWACO. The group was also invited to share examples of local ordinances that promote sustainable practices to include in a Local Government Legislative Toolkit that is in process. Metro Parks volunteered to coordinate with MORPC to plan the June member meeting featuring the topic of green space protection with updates on Rapid 5.

If your community or agency is interested in participating in Sustainable2050 or earning its Tier Status, please contact Brandi for more information at bwhetstone@morpc.org.



Sustaining Scioto Board (Chair: Glenn Marzluf)

Next Meeting: April 27, 2022

The Board met on February 23 with a featured presentation by Bartlett Durand, Jr. Esq. of Sand County Foundation on the topic *Municipal-Agriculture Watershed Partnerships in Iowa — A Successful Approach to Water Quality Improvement*. Sand County Foundation is a national nonprofit conservation working at the intersection of agriculture and environmental improvement. Dr. Matthew Hamilton, Asst. Professor from the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Services also gave a presentation on behalf of his capstone class on *Farmer and Non-Farmer Stakeholder Engagement in the Scioto Watershed*:

Findings from OSU Capstone Projects. Recommendations including providing information on nutrient management, on-farm research, cover crops, and increased education within communities will guide program development and outreach of the Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team.

Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team: The Team met virtually on March 17, and listened to a presentation by Mark Wilson, American Farmland Trust, "*Farming for Cleaner Water in the Upper Scioto Watershed: A Story Map.*" Chair Brian Brandt led the group to discuss coordination involved in organizing a field day/farm demonstration tour focused on learning about best management practices for water quality and flood management in the Scioto Watershed. The Team also discussed coordination for a webinar focused on highlighting the Sustaining Scioto Board and its goals. Next meeting is scheduled for May 19th.

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UPDATE REGIONAL INTEL LISTENING SESSION

Thea Ewing, Chief Regional Development Officer
Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer



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BUSINESS IMPACT

- Largest private investment in Ohio history
- In addition to the 3,000 direct jobs and \$20 billion in capital investment, the project will:
 - Create 7,000 construction jobs
 - \$405 million in payroll
 - Create tens of thousands of additional indirect and support jobs
 - Add an estimated \$2.8 billion to Ohio's GDP
- Culmination of more than a decade of regional collaboration

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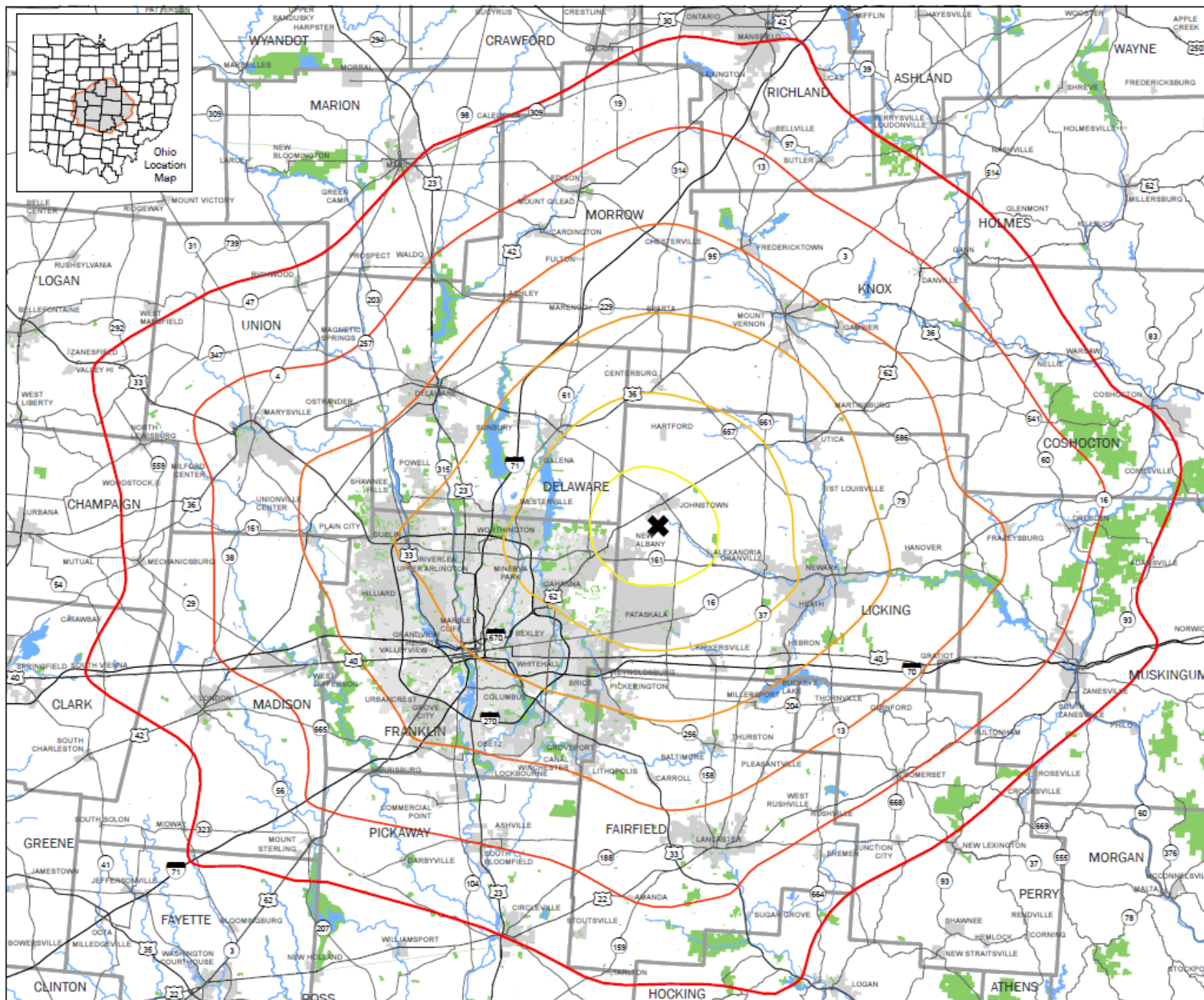
STATUS UPDATE

- CHIPS Act
- Pre-construction activities underway
- Permitting
- Phase 1 commercial production will start in 2025

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Intel Site Driving Times

✖ Intel Site

Travel Time in minutes

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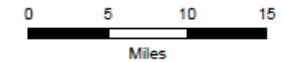
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Park/Open Space

Note:
Travel assumed by car.
Travel times are approximate from Intel site out at 5pm.
Buffers generated using ESRI Network.



The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources made available to us which we believe to be reliable.
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WHAT WE HEARD



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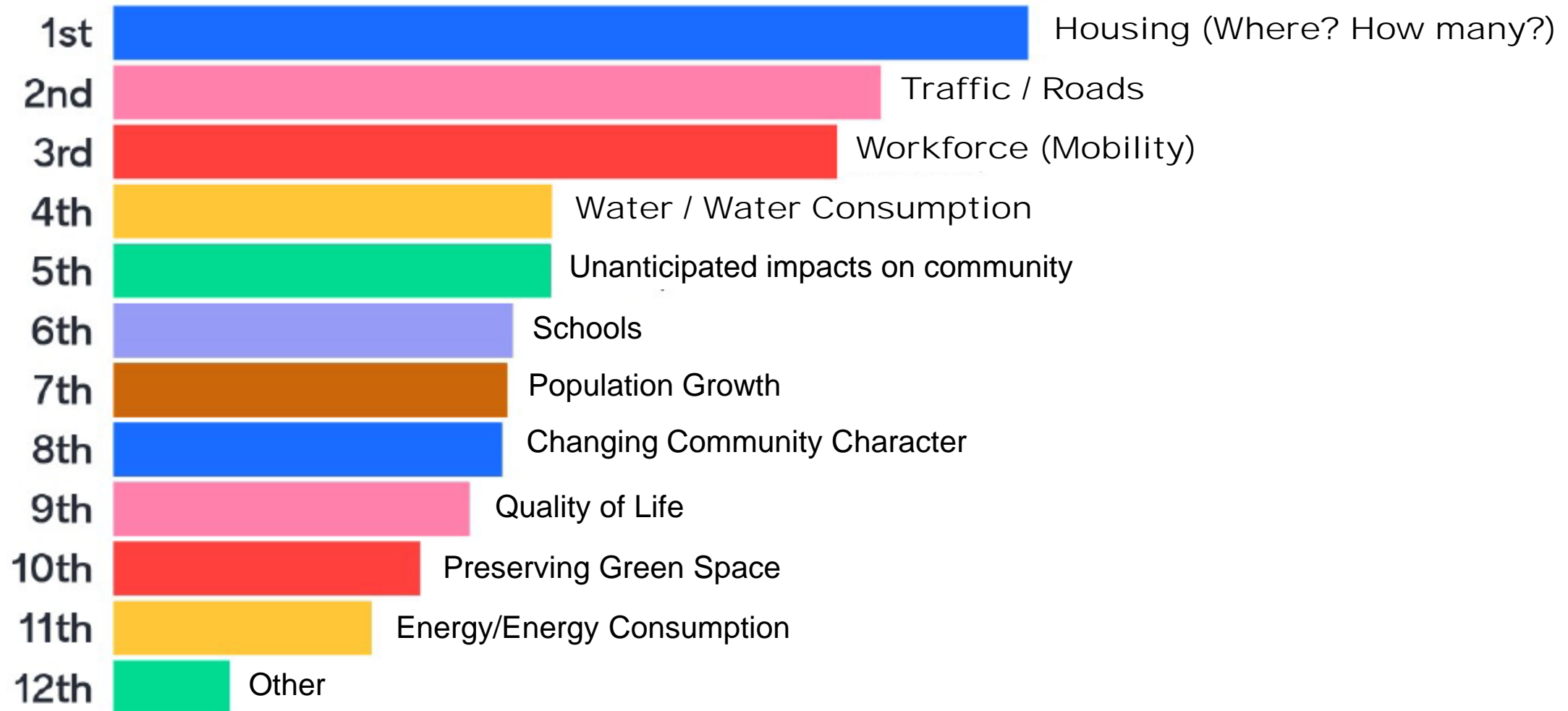
IN 3 WORDS ...



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MAIN CONCERNS



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“I’m concerned that housing won’t be plentiful enough and I’ll be priced out of my own community.”

“Structural barriers in planning process, esp. for smaller jurisdictions.”

HOUSING

“We need to protect and integrate rural character into new development.”

“Too much suburban style development that hurts rural character.”

RURAL CHARACTER

“Roads are not designed to handle additional traffic.”

“So much to do on infrastructure, so little time.”

“We need transit options beyond simple buses, both regionally and statewide.”

TRANSPORTATION

CONCERNS



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“Extreme demand on water is so concerning.”

“Need closed loop water system.”

WATER

“How can we get to zero carbon emissions?”

“We need to include more solar developments.”

ENERGY

“I’m worried that this opportunity will result in short-term pain for well-established regional companies trying to compete for talent.”

TALENT

REGIONAL COLLABORATION & SUPPORT



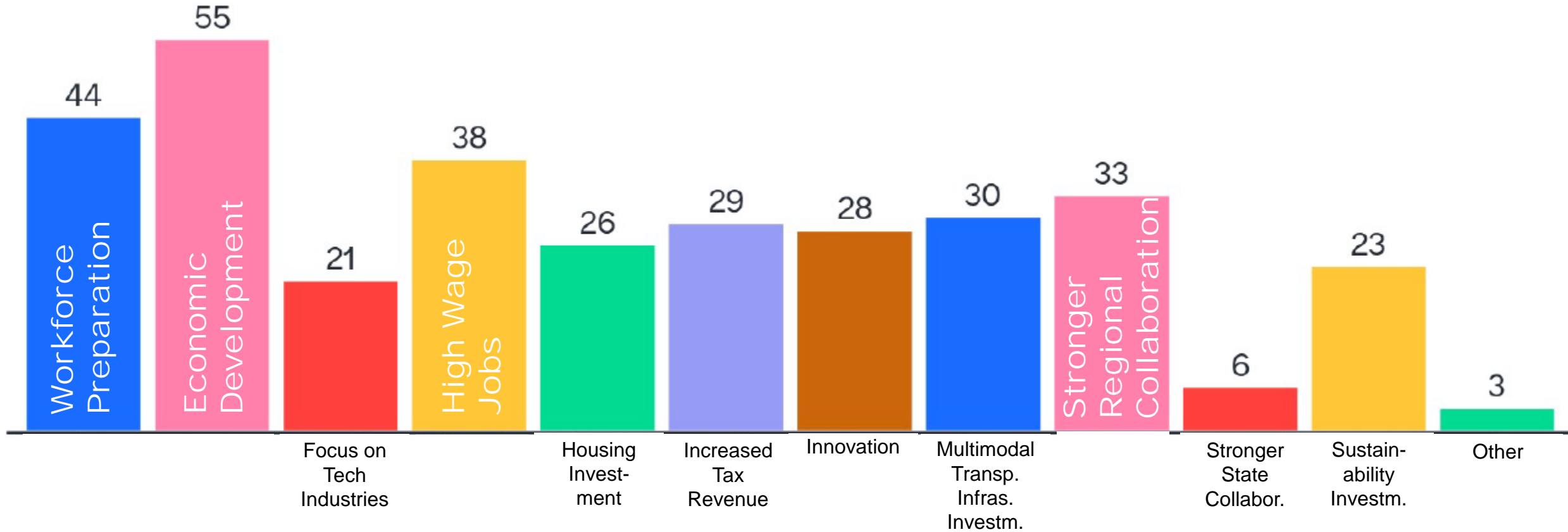
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“I’m concerned about current lack of collaboration between area communities.”

“Unsure of how to take advantage of the opportunity.”

“How can we help communities evolve to allow needed changes to occur?”

MAIN OPPORTUNITIES



OPPORTUNITIES



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“Balancing growth
and quality of life.”

HOUSING

“Doing housing in a
connected community
with farmland
preservation.”

RURAL CHARACTER

“I’m excited for major
investment in transit.”

“New interconnectivity
between regions.”

TRANSPORTATION

OPPORTUNITIES



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“Be a national example of how to grow sustainably with an eye towards inclusion.”

SUSTAINABILITY

“Create opportunities in the tech field for people of color.”

TALENT

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“Economic development cooperation will be very important.”

“How cool is it to work on a once-in-a-lifetime project?”

NEXT STEPS



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STRATEGIC RESPONSE (12 MONTHS)

National Advisory Team

- Equity
- Housing
- Transportation
- Mobility Services
- Sustainability (Water & Energy)
- Workforce

Local Consultancy

- Housing (TAP)
- Communications
- Digital Infrastructure
- Data

REGIONAL COORDINATION & DEPLOYMENT (36 MONTHS)

All require: Need Assessment, Analysis, and Coordination

Housing

- Attract innovation
- Support policy updates
- Assist with NIMBYism

Infrastructure & Mobility

- Coordinate planning & construction
- PPP
- Attract funding

Resource Consumption

- Water
- Energy
- Greenspace

Workforce

- Coordinate w/ schools
- ID programs
- Promote

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POLICY UPDATE



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Joe Garrity, MORPC

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2022 MEETING SCHEDULE



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All meetings are 2:30pm

- Wednesday, June 8
- Wednesday, September 28
- Wednesday, December 14

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