

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Hybrid Meeting

Regional Data Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes

June 7, 2022, 1:00 pm

Members Present

Christina Drummond, Educopia
Chair Brad Ebersole, Consolidated Electric
Cooperative, Inc.
Vice-Chair Jung Kim, One Columbus
Bill LaFayette, Regionomics®

Doug McCollough, City of Dublin
Gene Oliver, City of Worthington
Sam Orth, City of Columbus
Rick Stein, Urban Decision Group
Andrew Wilson, City of Hilliard

MORPC Staff Present

Joe Garrity
Ethan Hug
Lynn Kaufman

Cheri Mansperger
Sam McLaughlin
Jonathan Miller

William Murdock
Jennifer Noll
Adam Porr

Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 pm.

Welcome – Chair Ebersole

Chair Ebersole introduced two new MORPC staff members -- Adam Porr, Data & Research Officer and Sam McLaughlin, Data Analyst.

MORPC Updates – William Murdock

Regional Public Policy Update – Joe Garrity

MORPC Staff Updates

Regional Information & Data Group Report – Ethan Hug

The group met on June 1, with speakers Jonathan Miller, Data Day Announcement, Christina Drummond, Local Government Resources Working Group update, Bill LaFayette, Regionomics, “The Inflationary Surge”, and Matt Waldo, JobsOhio, “Ohio’s Competitive Advantage in Economic Development”.

Data Team – Adam Porr

- The Team is working toward the completion of the 2024 MTP, focusing on population and job forecasting.
- Population estimates should be completed by the end of Summer 2022.
- Staff recently completed a Robert Woods Foundation Grant application to assist the City of Columbus with Resilience Hubs.

Working Group Reports

Local Government Resources – Member McCollough

The Group continues to work toward creating a toolkit for member municipalities to use for their data governance. Two current challenges are being addressed: (1) How to meet varied needs across Central Ohio, and (2) How to expeditiously share quality resources. The intent is to not

burden MORPC with maintaining or creating these documents, but to have the documents contributed by MORPC members. Types of resources that will be available are checklists, templates/sample policies, recorded presentations, and workflow examples.

RDAC Members are asked to review the slide deck and provide any suggestions.

Capacity Building & Partnerships – *Vice-Chair Kim*

Members are working on Data Day, which will be 9:00 am – 4:00 pm September 15. The event will be at the MORPC office, and will include keynote speakers and sessions regarding different aspects of data.

The other initiative of the Working Group is to pair up data professional with non-profits to help with their data needs. The Human Services Chamber will be the clearinghouse for the project.

Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy – *Members Oliver & Orth*

There are currently 19 municipalities interested in being part of this strategy. Since 2020, more federal funding has become available, which may be used to light the backbone of the system and connect to municipalities. Working Group Chairs Oliver and Orth hope to expedite the project to take advantage of the new funding available.

Spotlight: [Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\)](#) – *Cheri Mansperger*

Adjourned at 2:30 pm.