

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) REPORT

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#### **MONEY MONDAYS**



#### **Weekly Discussion with MORPC Members**

- Hosted by Dr. Todd Bradley
  - MORPC's Regional Investment Officer
- Virtual
- Mondays from 1:00 1:30
- Identify Upcoming Funding Opportunities

#### **Upcoming Topics**

- Oct. 7: Charles D. Hillman, President and CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority: Affordable Housing
- Oct. 14: Indigenous Peoples' Day (holiday): No Money Mondays
- Oct. 21: Patty Huddle, President, Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority: Financing Options
- Oct. 28: Lynanne Gutierrez (Wolf), Esq., President & CEO of Groundwork Ohio: Childcare resources

#### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy MARION MORROW KNOX LOGAN UNION DELAWARE LICKING FRANKLIN MADISON **FAIRFIELD** PERRY **PICKAWAY FAYETTE** HOCKING ROSS CEDS Region ☐ MORPC Counties

#### THE CENTRAL OHIO CEDS...

- ☐ Identifies our region's competitive advantages
- Demonstrates the EDD's grasp of key trends
- Promotes cross-sector collaboration
- □ Commits to measurable successes
- ☐ Tells a compelling story about our region's past, present, and future
- Motivates action and implementation

Link: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy – MORPC.org

A regional roadmap for economic development and conduit to valuable resources.

#### **Brownfields Redevelopment**

#### WHY?

- Improves public health and environment
- Makes the site more attractive to investment
- Increases property values
- Catalyst for broader community revitalization
- Puts underutilized or vacant land back into productive use

Currently, Ohio EPA has identified 34 brownfield sites in the central Ohio EDD.

#### MORPC's role:

- Previously, US EPA Targeted Brownfield Assessment grant
- Inventory of brownfield sites
- Tools and resources to remediate sites



#### **Freight Industry Coordination**

#### **Freight Coordination:**

- Bridges transportation and economic development planning
- Improves and advocates for infrastructure assets that supports freight movement (airports, intermodal facilities, ports, railways, etc.)
- Maintains and strengthens central Ohio's competitive advantage in logistics and distribution
- Integrates freight considerations into other longrange planning initiatives

#### **Notable Initiatives:**

- 2018 Rickenbacker Area Study
- EDA Planning Grant to develop a Regional Freight Plan



# HOW WOULD MORE COTA SERVICE & SIDEWALKS BENEFIT YOU? >>>>

### Learn More at the Next Town Hall Meeting on COTA Offering More Service and Sidewalks

You'll hear about more transit options, enjoy a resource fair with transit partners and more. Hope to see you there!

#### **TOWN HALL DATE:**

Oct. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. | Reynoldsburg High School, 6699 E. Livingston Ave., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

