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MORPC IN THE NEWS

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MORPC PRESS RELEASES

- [Central Ohio's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Available for Public Review](#)
- [MORPC Seeks to Update Regional Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [New Public Participation Plan Adopted by MORPC](#)
- [\\$3.1M Funding Available to Preserve Land and Streams in Franklin County](#)

AMTRAK

CNBC

[Resurrecting the railroad in Ohio](#)

"We're ready for it now. We've got that business case, and as we look towards the bipartisan infrastructure bill, the funding in that bill would be what it would take to get this done – and get it done quickly," said William Murdock, Executive Director, MORPC.

DATA & MAPPING

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[NEXT: Climate Migration](#)

One scenario, then, is that the Midwest expands its population, reversing a decades-long decline. Cities such as Columbus will see an even greater influx of population: MORPC has predicted that the Central Ohio population could reach 3 million by 2050, and the arrival of climate migrants might be the driver of such a change.

KNOX PAGES

[Introducing 'Bracing for Impact,' a series exploring Knox County's future as the 'next frontier' for growth in central Ohio](#)

Knox County grew 3% over the last decade, adding 1,800 residents. It ranked 18th out of Ohio's 88 counties in growth percentage from 2010 to 2020, and second among population centers two counties away from Columbus (behind only Greene County, which borders Montgomery and Warren counties in southwest Ohio and is not considered a part of central Ohio, according to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission).

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Letters: Redistricting, infrastructure bill, politicians hamper COVID recovery](#)

One of my favorite tasks as executive director of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is meeting with each of our 75 local government members every year.

HOUSING

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[\\$10 million not enough for Columbus' affordable housing needs, advocates say](#)

Erin Prosser, Columbus' new assistant director of housing strategies, cited the regional housing strategy report that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission issued in 2020, which recommended investment priorities for the region's public and not-for-profit housing agencies and new programs to address housing issues.

HYPERLOOP

FORBES

[Relationship Status Complicated? Hyperloop And Western Democracies](#)

A recent study conducted by The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) found that a hyperloop connection between Columbus, Chicago, and Pittsburgh could create \$300 billion in overall economic benefits.

LINKUS

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[CMC Forum: LinkUS Columbus Mobility Initiative](#)

Featuring an introduction by Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor, City of Columbus, followed by panel discussion featuring Christie Angel, President and Chief Executive Officer, YWCA Columbus, Monica Jones, Chief Equity Officer, COTA, William Murdock, Executive Director, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Shannon G. Hardin, President, Columbus City Council, and host Mike Thompson, Chief Content Director, WOSU Public Media.

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[From the editor: LinkUS initiative will spur development along corridors, backers say](#)

The main proposal on the table now is the LinkUS initiative, a collaboration between the city, COTA and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

TRANSPORTATION

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[MORPC Matters: Complete Streets Policy promotes traffic safety](#)

In 2010, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission adopted its Complete Streets Policy – one of the first regional policies in the country.

1808 DELAWARE

[MORPC Seeks Comments On New Regional Complete Streets Policy](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is currently seeking public comment and review of the draft version of its 2021 update to the Regional Complete Streets Policy.

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Stop signs, other changes, aimed at slowing traffic, preventing crashes along Mount Vernon](#)

According to the most recent Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission traffic counts, 6,455 vehicles traveled daily along Mount Vernon near North Champion in 2015, and 4,233 vehicles traveled daily Mount Vernon near North 20th Street in 2019.

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[It's now one way eastbound on Fulton Street Downtown, but drivers still going wrong way](#)

The most-recent traffic count on Fulton between 3rd and 4th was conducted all the way back in 2014, when it was 10,444 vehicles daily, according to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Dublin City Council: Construction of new interchange at 33 -161-Post Road on track to begin in 2022](#)

The construction agreement with ODOT provides \$12.13 million from ODOT and \$10 million from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.