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PRESS RELEASES

[MORPC Regional Housing Strategy Among 2021 NADO Impact Award Winners](#)

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[Amtrak plans major expansion by 2035 if infrastructure bill passes](#)

Columbus is Ohio's state capital, a city of almost 900,000 people and at the heart of a 15-county region that is the fastest-growing area in the Midwest, according to William Murdock, executive director of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

CENSUS

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[Bracing for Impact: What made Knox County one of Ohio's fastest-growing counties over the last decade?](#)

Liz Whelan-Jackson, data manager for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, noted the above data is considered merely "an estimate series, and it has not yet been 'controlled' to the new 2020 Census numbers," which could account for the shortfall.

INFRASTRUCTURE

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Worthington-based developer bringing apartments to busy Linworth corridor](#)

Councilwoman Priscilla Tyson said Columbus, the city of Worthington and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) partnered on a \$7.5 million planning grant to fix bottlenecks along the 161 corridor.

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Here's how Columbus' zoning code needs to change, according to an outside assessment](#)

That vision is consistent with the LinkUs initiative sponsored by the city, COTA, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and Franklin County, she said.

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[Study Shows Need for Zoning Code Re-Write, City Says](#)

The city, along with entities like the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Franklin County, the Central Ohio Transit Authority, the United Way of Central Ohio and others, have spent the last five-plus years laying out a strong case for building more housing in existing neighborhoods, improving transit service along major corridors, and investing in affordable housing.

QFM96

[Study examines major changes to US 23](#)

The study is being led by the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments and the public is being asked to weigh in on possible options for improvements to U.S. 23 between Waldo in Marion County and I-270 on the northern edge of Franklin County, which routinely experiences bottlenecks, congestion, and unreliable travel times.

THE DAILY REPORTER

[ODOT Seeks input on U.S. 23 options in Delaware County](#)

Led by ODOT and partners at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, the study recognizes the importance of the U.S. 23 corridor through central Ohio — the fastest growing region in the Midwest.

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Central Ohio planning experts see zoning overhaul as key to housing solutions](#)

Columbus' existing zoning process is a significant impediment to affordable housing development in the region, said Kerstin Carr, director of planning and sustainability for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

LINKUS

GREATER OHIO POLICY CENTER

[#GOPCThread: Columbus Embraces Corridor Concepts With LinkUS Initiative](#)

This week's #GOPCThread focuses on a recent dialog hosted by the Columbus Metropolitan Club, where leaders from the City of Columbus, Franklin County, the Central Ohio Transit Agency (COTA) and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) discussed the LinkUs Columbus corridor concept, investing in new mobility options for the city.**

MOBILITY

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[Shop Talk: Johnny Velo Bikes Receives National Award](#)

For trail recommendations, he suggests riders visit the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission website that offers an online Columbus Metro Bike Map, as well as the Central Ohio Mountain Biking Organization.

REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY

UNION COUNTY DAILY DIGEST

[MORPC Honored With NADO Impact Award For Its Regional Housing Strategy](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Tuesday was awarded the 2021 Aliceann Wohlbruck NADO (National Association of Development Organizations) Impact Award for its Regional Housing Strategy.

SUSTAINABILITY

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[Parties agree on Whistle Stop annexation](#)

In addition to approving the pre-annexation agreement, council took the following actions: Waived the three readings and passed as an emergency legislation authorizing payment of \$1,000 to the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission for the Trail Town Initiative
October 8, 2021

TRANSPORTATION

U.S. SENATOR SHERROD BROWN

[Brown, Local Community Leaders Discuss Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan's Impact on Columbus Area](#)

Brown was joined by Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Exec. Director William Murdock and Dr. Deena Chisolm of Nationwide Children's Hospital, who spoke on the economic impact of crumbling infrastructure, and how investment would spur economic development.

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Upper Arlington's Fishinger Road in line for \\$12.9M upgrade to begin in 2022](#)

However, the city is expected to receive about \$8.4 million in federal transportation grants to be distributed by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and another \$811,934 from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

TRICK OR TREAT

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Follow these Halloween tips to keep kids safe while trick-or-treating](#)

This is the recommended date from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, which works to create a unified trick-or-treat date for the region.

NBC4

[Here's why Columbus' trick or treat isn't on Halloween in 2021](#)

Each year, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) gives a recommended date for trick or treat.

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Greater Columbus trick or treaters looking at a soggy Beggars Night](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission suggested Thursday this year, in part because many church services are held on Sunday evenings. Friday and Saturday have been off limits due to high school and college football games, said spokeswoman Niel Jurist.