

# MORPC IN THE NEWS

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# PRESS RELEASES

Public Invited to Review the Region's Draft Active Transportation Plan
MORPC Seeks Public Comments on Technical Assistance Program Guidelines
CORPO Accepting Funding Applications for Transportation Projects
Feedback Requested on Regional Mobility Plan

# <u>AMTRAK</u>

## **BISNOW**

Amtrak To Reach More Cities, Upgrade Crucial Corridors With Infrastructure Bill Funds

The routes would reach previously underserved communities, which could come alongside improved public transportation and transit-oriented development, William Murdock, executive director of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, told Construction Dive.

# WOSU, WKSU, WYSO

Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Could Hint At Central Ohio Amtrak Expansion

Thea Ewing, the director of transportation and infrastructure development with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, said it's [Amtrak expansion in Ohio] not entirely out of the question. She said the bill is just the first step to possibly get the funding to bring Amtrak to Central Ohio.

# **CLEVELAND.COM, MASS TRANSIT MAGAZINE**

Ohio passenger rail group wants Gov. Mike DeWine to support proposed Amtrak service between Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati

Thea Ewing, transportation and infrastructure development director at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, said her organization, which coordinates transportation planning in central Ohio, is working with the state to more fully understand the scope of any future financial commitments that may be required if Amtrak expands in Ohio.

## **DAYTON DAILY NEWS**

Infrastructure bill makes Ohio rail line possible, but questions remain

This new federal funding increases the chances that the 3C+D corridor will materialize, but there needs to be additional vetting of long-term costs and passenger projections, said Thea Ewing, director of transportation and infrastructure development with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

# **BROADBAND**

#### **HEALTHCARE PACKAGING**

Healthcare Distributors Are Supporting Under-Resourced Communities During COVID-19

Central Ohio Broadband Access Pilot Program: This public-private partnership, led by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and supported by additional federal CARES Act dollars, funded a broadband access pilot program across Central Ohio that provided low-income students with refurbished computers and hotspot devices.

# <u>INFRASTRUCTURE</u>

#### **COLUMBUS DISPATCH**

Here's how Columbus and Ohio could benefit from infrastructure bill

"We're going to start seeing significantly more projects," said Thea Ewing, transportation and infrastructure development director for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, known as MORPC.

#### PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Biden signs historic \$1 trillion infrastructure deal with bipartisan crowd

Hyperloop Transportation Technologies Inc., the group working with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency in Cleveland, and Virgin Hyperloop One, working with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission in Columbus, could each be eligible for federal funds for their proposed projects.

#### NBC4

Central Ohio set to benefit from Biden's infrastructure act

"Infrastructure is what keeps our economy humming, it helps us grow better as we grow bigger and we've got big needs and this bill helps address that," said William Murdock, executive director with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

#### **COLUMBUS DISPATCH**

Opinion: Bipartisan infrastructure bill good for our region, our state and our nation

It's no surprise that more than 100 stakeholders from all levels of government and in countless industries back our bill, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL-CIO Building Trades Council, the American Farm Bureau, and the National League of Cities, as well as local groups like the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and the Columbus Partnership.

# **RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

### **COLUMBUS DISPATCH**

MORPC Matters: COVID-19 has changed the way we work

At the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, our Residential Services Team provides direct services and assistance through our weatherization and home-repair programs.

# **TRANSPORTATION**

## **UNION COUNTY DAILY DIGITAL**

MORPC Seeks Public Comments On Technical Assistance Program

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has opened a public comment period for those wishing to provide feedback on the draft Guide for the 2022 cycle of its Technical Assistance Program (TA Program).

#### **DELAWARE GAZETTE**

Input sought on transportation plan

Those who ride bicycles or do a lot of walking in Delaware County may want to participate in an Active Transportation Plan being produced by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

## **1808 DELAWARE**

Comments Sought On Regional Mobility Plan

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has announced that the 2022-2025 Regional Mobility Plan is now available for public review and comment.

## **DELAWARE GAZETTE**

Mobility plan now available

There will be virtual public meetings for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) 2022-2025 Regional Mobility Plan at 6-7 p.m. on Dec. 8 and noon-1 p.m. on Dec. 9.