

# MORPC IN THE NEWS

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# PRESS RELEASES

MORPC Amends 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to Reflect COTA Changes

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is amending the State Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include changes to Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Section 5307 Program of Projects.

### MORPC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Approved

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has received official approval from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

# <u>Draft Policies for Allocating MORPC-Attributable Transportation Funding Available for Review</u> and Comment

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is seeking comments on its policies that determine how MORPC-attributable federal transportation funding is committed to projects.

### CORPO Proposes More than \$900,000 for Transportation Projects

The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) has released a list of proposed transportation projects to collectively receive \$943,737 in federal funds during state fiscal years 2022 and 2023. CORPO is seeking public comment on the proposed projects through March 14, 2022.

# MORPC Releases 2021 Report on Central Ohio Air Quality

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has released its annual air quality report. The report provides a summary of air quality data from November 2020 to October 2021.

# Madison County & The Village of Buckeye Lake Join MORPC

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) approved Madison County and The Village of Buckeye Lake as its newest members at a commission meeting earlier this month.

# **COLUMBUS DISPATCH**

Opinion: We must support Amtrak, create regional transit to seize 'momentous' Intel chance

As chairperson of All Aboard Ohio, the only statewide advocacy group for passenger rail and public transit, I want to recognize the great news of Intel Corporation bringing a major computer chip manufacturing facility to central Ohio.

# MORPC Matters: Weatherization, home-repair programs stabilize housing, reduce costs, boost sustainability

As winter takes hold in central Ohio, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission continues to serve as a resource for Franklin County residents to improve the functionality of their homes so they can live in a safe, warm and comfortable environment.

# Intel in New Albany: Computer chip manufacturer approached city, planners in spring 2021 It was an amazing prospect: One of the biggest potential technology investments in the country was lapping at the northern boundaries of New Albany.

# Will Intel traffic create Route 161 gridlock between Columbus and Licking County?

A stretch of Route 161 running through New Albany will have another lane in either direction in the coming years, just in time for a pair of computer chip factories to bring thousands of commuters to the small city.

# <u>Greater Hilltop Area Shalom Zone focuses on building connections within community</u> Just steps away from Westgate Park on the Hilltop is Parkview United Methodist Church, headquarters to one of Columbus' many nonprofit groups.

# Columbus region's air quality is improving, latest monitoring report says

The air quality in Greater Columbus seems to be improving, according to a report on air pollution released last week.

# **COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND**

# Opinion: Commitment Needed for Smart, Equitable, and Accessible "Silicon Heartland"

As central Ohioans we are thrilled that our region won the commitment of Intel to locate a major semiconductor plant within the greater Columbus area. We know our state and our region will experience the greatest gains, but this project is a win for the entire county. We hope this project heralds a new "American-made" age with Ohio once again being recognized as the heart of American industry.

# **COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST**

Intel's impact: Former Johnstown city manager wants to help localities prepare Jim Lenner is a man with a plan. Or several of them, if needed.

### Diversity in Business Awards: Here are our 2022 honorees

Columbus Business First is honoring another class in its Diversity in Business Awards program, which recognizes inclusive organizations and individuals in Central Ohio.

# <u>TV</u>

#### NBC4

# Central Ohio seeing fewer Air Quality Alert days, MORPC says

For the first time in more than 40 years, there were no Air Quality Alert days issued for central Ohio.

# **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Axios Columbus**

Columbus traffic congestion is bad, but could be worse

If you think Columbus has bad traffic, take comfort in knowing it could be much, much worse.

# **Cleveland Magazine**

Amtrak's New Proposal Looks to Add Rail Service in Ohio

The proposal, backed by billions, is hoping to build a passenger rail service between Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton.

#### **Delaware Gazette**

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#### Sunbury seeks input on trails

The city is getting serious about its trail system, asking for input on a new survey.

# **Knox Pages**

Central Ohio Greenways wants to know how Knox County residents utilize pathways

The Central Ohio Trail Community Survey, distributed by Central Ohio Greenways, wants your input to gain a better understanding of the value Mount Vernon residents place on the Ohio to Erie Trail, which extends from Cincinnati to Cleveland, as well as biking and walking trails generally.

#### **Mount Vernon News**

Mount Vernon residents asked to share thoughts on Ohio to Erie Trail

Central Ohio Greenways created the Central Ohio Trail Survey to find out what value Mount Vernon and Knox County residents place on the Ohio to Erie Trail and on biking and walking trails in general.

#### **Union County Daily Digital**

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