



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

## MORPC IN THE NEWS

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### **PRESS RELEASES**

#### [MORPC Holds Annual State of the Region](#)

Central Ohio's top political, business, and civic leaders gathered at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) annual State of the Region event. The event held earlier today highlighted key community's accomplishments, celebrated leaders across the region and focused on creating a path forward for the future.

### **COLUMBUS DISPATCH**

#### [MORPC Matters: Regional Mobility Plan focused on optimizing transportation options](#)

For many in our communities, getting from one place to another is a daily challenge. To address this issue, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission worked with stakeholders from nine counties in the Human Service Transportation Coordination Region 6, designated by the Ohio Department of Transportation over the past year to develop the Regional Mobility Plan, a MORPC-administered four-year transportation plan focused on supporting the existence and use of mobility options for our community's most vulnerable populations.

#### [I-70-I-71 road projects to look out for in Downtown Columbus soon](#)

A series of new exits will dramatically change traffic patterns in Downtown Columbus, and state and local officials hope the changes make the region safer for motorists.

#### [Our view: \\$4 gas prices yet another reason lawmakers should get onboard Amtrak's plan](#)

Long before President Joe Biden announced the nation's ban on Russian oil and warned of a price spike, there were ample reasons to hasten the end of Ohio's toxic romance with fossil fuel for something far more sustainable.

#### [MORPC: Use infrastructure money on Amtrak, affordable housing, broadband in Columbus area](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission outlined plans to improve transportation options, expand affordable housing and connect more people to the internet in Greater Columbus on Wednesday morning.

#### [Columbus-area home construction hits 17-year high, but housing shortage deepens](#)

More homes were built last year in the Columbus area than in any year since 2005, but the region's housing shortage worsened because of a drop in apartment construction.

#### [Evolution of New Albany to city of nearly 11,000 was built on foundation of infrastructure](#)

New Albany might have been a diamond in the rough from its early beginnings, but longtime City Manager Joe Stefanov said he thinks the city's future will be a matter of shining the gems.

## **COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST**

### [Mobility and housing are top priority as region prepares for Intel, others](#)

William Murdock wants you to imagine taking a train from Delaware or Dublin to get to work, a game or a weekend getaway.

### [NEW ALBANY'S PLAYBOOK](#)

In 1980, when Intel Corp. began production at a new fabrication plant in Chandler, Arizona – population 30,000 – the village of New Albany had about 400 residents.

## **TV/RADIO**

### **10tv**

#### [MORPC: Fewer pollutants reported in central Ohio](#)

Each day the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission tests and forecasts for the air quality in Central Ohio. Sensors test the air for different pollutants and levels of ozone from power plants to wood-burning fireplaces.

### **ABC6**

#### [LinkUS develops vision for rapid transit across Central Ohio](#)

By 2050, 1 million more people will be moving to the Central Ohio region. Those numbers were projected in a study conducted by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

### **WOSU**

#### [Rural public transportation identified as a need in a new regional transit report](#)

Public transportation is a crucial piece of infrastructure for many peoples' daily needs in Central Ohio. A report released by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission in March identified rural counties as places with an urgent need for transit.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

### **Cleveland.com**

#### [Massive Amtrak expansion money coming soon; will Ohio seek funding for proposed Cleveland-Columbus-Cincinnati-Dayton route?](#)

Federal transportation officials are weeks away from launching the largest expansion in Amtrak's history. What remains unclear, however, is whether Ohio wants to be part of that program.

### **Delaware Gazette**

#### [City of Delaware earns SolSmart designation](#)

The City of Delaware's work in promoting the use of solar energy has been awarded national recognition. Last week, the city announced it has received a bronze designation from the SolSmart program, which awards the designations based on a city's actions to reduce barriers to solar energy development.

### **Knox Pages**

### [Mount Vernon to join Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission](#)

Mount Vernon City Council members gave the okay Monday night for the city to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

### **Marysville Journal-Tribune**

#### [City eying Intel facilities](#)

While it was Marysville's State of the City event, activity in another part of the region was the biggest topic of discussion Thursday at the Avalon Theatre.

### **Mount Vernon News**

#### [A seat at the table: Mount Vernon joins regional planning group](#)

The city will join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to gain a seat at the table in regional planning and to get help in seeking grants.

### **Newark Advocate**

#### ['Your community is in a panic': Johnstown working to calm Intel concerns](#)

Johnstown city officials are developing plans to allay resident concerns over the looming \$20 billion Intel project planned for land next door to the community.

### **Peak of Ohio**

#### [City of Bellefontaine and Small Nation Recognized for Downtown Revitalization](#)

Over 800 of Central Ohio's top political, business, and civic leaders gathered at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) annual State of the Region event at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

### **Union County Daily Digital**

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