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MORPC IN THE NEWS

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PRESS RELEASES

[MORPC Welcomes New Board Officers](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) elected its new board officers at the April 14 commission meeting.

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Ohio State study finds bus rapid transit can boost value of apartments, condos](#)

An Ohio State University study shows that bus rapid-transit lines — such as those the Central Ohio Transit Authority and others are planning for parts of Franklin County — have helped improve the value of multi-family properties in some cities, including Cleveland.

[MORPC Matters: April Celebration of Trails Can Continue Year-Round](#)

Every year, residents and visitors travel more than 12 million miles on the Central Ohio Greenways: a network of multiuse trails that connects us to natural spaces, cultural sites, job centers and other regional destinations.

[COTA officials ready to pitch 0.5% sales tax hike to build bus rapid transit system](#)

The Central Ohio Transit Authority plans to place a sales tax increase on an upcoming ballot, perhaps as soon as November, to raise \$6 billion for a bus rapid transit system.

[Upper Arlington City Council expects to see bids for Fishinger Road rebuild May 9](#)

The Upper Arlington Engineering Division is expected to bring bids to Upper Arlington City Council on May 9 for the first phase of reconstructing Fishinger Road.

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Hyperlope? MORPC turns to rail, BRT projects as hyperloop company sorts itself out](#)

Renewed hope for an Amtrak route through Columbus and progress on true bus rapid transit have supplanted hyperloop technology in MORPC's transportation priorities for now.

[Central Ohio leaders eye sales tax increase to fund \\$8B in transit investment](#)

Local leaders say a sales tax rate hike could be necessary to fund the region's new transit initiative, dubbed LinkUs.

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[COTA Outlines Plan to Fund Transit Corridors, Other Transportation Upgrades](#)

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and its partners in the LinkUs initiative have released the most comprehensive vision yet for building – and funding – a major expansion of the region’s transit network.

[Interview: LinkUs Leaders on the New Transit Plan & the Case for a Sales Tax Hike to Pay for It](#)

Earlier this month, Columbus Underground was the first outlet to publish details of an \$8 billion plan to expand and improve the region’s transportation infrastructure, including the build-out of a network of Bus Rapid Transit corridors.

[Pilot Program to Provide Free Bus Rides for Short North Workers, Others](#)

Short North workers can now take advantage of a new pilot program that will allow them to ride the bus for free. And starting in May, the program will expand to include residents and visitors to the neighborhood as well.

AXIOS

[Central Ohio population grew during pandemic, but not in Franklin Co.](#)

It took a once-in-a-century pandemic to halt the population boom in Franklin County, if only briefly.

[Columbus passenger hyperloop is now a pipe dream](#)

A proposal to connect Chicago, Columbus and Pittsburgh via magnetic hyperloop tube is on hold.

TV/RADIO

NBC4

[Rapid transit vote could come in November election](#)

The minds behind the “LinkUS” rapid transit plan say they’re ready to move forward with a massive infrastructure investment plan.

Sunny95

[Earth Day](#)

The 52nd annual Earth Day will be observed his weekend with events across the U.S. and in central Ohio.

WOSU

[Columbus hyperloop project stalled, technology still lacks federal approval](#)

A proposed hyperloop line that promised to provide high-speed travel from Chicago to Columbus and Pittsburgh appears to be dead in its tracks, at least for now.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Cites Today

[US cities are riding the next wave of mobility innovation](#)

At a recent Cities Today Institute event in Columbus, US mobility leaders reflected on what they have learned from recent innovation efforts and looked ahead to what's next.

Columbus Navigator

[Celebrate Earth Day With The Columbus Outdoor Trails Pass](#)

The Columbus Outdoor Trails Pass is a collaborative experience from Experience Columbus and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and it's the perfect way to celebrate Mother Nature.

Delaware Gazette

[ODOT answers FAQs on Route 23 Connect](#)

The Ohio Department of Transportation has issued a response to comments and questions for Round 2 of the U.S. 23 Corridor Study, also known as Route 23 Connect.

Pittsburg Gazette

[Only one of two proposed hyperloop systems involving Pittsburgh remains in active development](#)

The Pittsburgh region now is down to a single proposed hyperloop system, one that would speed passengers to Chicago in less than an hour in special pods.