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MORPC IN THE NEWS

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PRESS RELEASES

[Natural Resources Assistance Council Awards More Than \\$3 Million in Clean Ohio Funds](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has announced four projects awarded over \$3 million in Clean Ohio Conservation Funds (COCF) in Round 16 for District 3 (Franklin County) from the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC).

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

['Ultimate public health project:' Dr. Amy Acton looks to connect Franklin parks, waterways](#)

Dr. Amy Acton, the former director of the Ohio Department of Health, has been tapped to lead a new nonprofit group that will guide a plan to connect Franklin County's trail network with five stream corridors.

[MORPC Matters: Gohio Commute program brings options to commuters](#)

As central Ohio's growth continues, residents deserve options when it comes to their daily commute.

[Ohio exploring passenger rail expansion with Amtrak](#)

Ohio took the formal step of signaling interest in expanding Amtrak passenger rail in the state, though it is far from saying yes to the idea.

[MORPC, Columbus Partnership throw weight behind Amtrak expansion in Ohio](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and the Columbus Partnership are throwing their weight behind a proposal to bring Amtrak to Greater Columbus.

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Amy Acton to lead Rapid 5 nonprofit](#)

The Rapid 5 initiative is moving into its next phase, becoming a nonprofit with Dr. Amy Acton at the helm.

[Rapid 5 will be economic development tool, leaders say](#)

Dr. Amy Acton says Rapid 5 will help the region develop quality of life amenities, similar to the Atlanta Beltline or the New York City's High Line park.

[The Columbus Opportunity: Region can 'leapfrog' rivals by collaborating on infrastructure investments](#)

Three years ago, Central Ohio leaders declared a goal to become “the most prosperous region in the United States.”

[2022 Diversity in Business Awards: Meet the 8 individuals honored as Outstanding Diversity Champions](#)

Corporate American has gotten the message that diversity, equity and inclusion are good for business.

TV/RADIO

ABC6/FOX28

[The impact infrastructure changes supporting Intel development will have on traffic](#)

Intel is moving full steam ahead with their plans to make Central Ohio home and so are the infrastructure changes needed to help support the site and surrounding areas.

[Licking County rushing to build homes for Intel employees in already tight housing market](#)

With Intel's January announcement of a new mega-site coming to Licking County, leaders in the county are scrambling to meet upcoming housing needs. They know the blueprint in their cities is about to change.

[Former ODH director now leading nonprofit; RAPID 5 champions future connected to nature](#)

RAPID 5 wants to encourage more people to get out of the house and into the fresh air.

10tv

[Dr. Amy Acton to lead nonprofit aimed at growing central Ohio's future with nature](#)

Dr. Amy Acton will lead the newly announced organization, which covers Franklin County's five major north-south waterways.

[4 key climate change indicators break records in 2021](#)

Environmental experts suggest ways you can help reduce greenhouse gases and other pollutants in the warmer months.

NBC4

[Dr. Amy Acton accepts role leading Columbus nonprofit group](#)

A project to increase access to central Ohio's main rivers and creeks has a new leader, and it's a name familiar to many.

[High-speed rail proposal for Ohio picking up steam](#)

The proposal to expand Amtrak service across Ohio is starting to pick up steam.

WOSU

[MORPC and the Columbus Partnership support Amtrak's potential expansion in Columbus](#)

Support for Amtrak's potential expansion into Columbus received a boost as the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and Columbus Partnership join the effort to bring passenger trains to the city.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Cleveland.com

[Gov. Mike DeWine asks state agency to explore Amtrak expansion, including new Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati route](#)

For the first time since Amtrak proposed a major expansion of passenger rail service in Ohio more than a year ago, Gov. Mike DeWine has expressed interest in learning more about the plan.

Columbus Alive

[Will Intel spur mass transit or inspire more car-driven sprawl?](#)

Publicly funded transit must have a place alongside publicly funded auto travel in the massive Licking County Intel development, our columnist argues. But that's easier said than done.

Columbus Messenger

[West Broad transportation initiative presented to Hilltop community](#)

A new initiative should help Hilltop residents with transportation.

Marysville Journal-Tribune

[Richwood received \\$47K grant for multi-use path](#)

The Village of Richwood has been awarded \$47,500 for the construction of a multi-use path.

Ohio State News

[Mitigating climate change while managing growth will require collaboration, panelists say](#)

Universities, planners, municipalities partner to identify solutions

Toledo Blade

[Toledo council unanimously adopts resolution advocating for U.S. 23 bypass near Columbus](#)

Toledo City Council on Tuesday unanimously adopted a resolution calling on Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine to "overrule" a recent Ohio Department of Transportation decision to cancel a study of bypass routes for U.S. 23 in Delaware County that could create a freeway link between Toledo and Columbus.