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MORPC IN THE NEWS

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PRESS RELEASES

[MORPC award \\$500,000 grant by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to expand local air quality monitoring](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) was awarded a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) of up to \$500,000 over three years to expand the program to monitor air quality, with a focus on underserved communities and areas burdened by pollution within Franklin County. (12/13/22)

[MORPC, Local leaders put the region on track for passenger rail service](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is keeping the region on track for the future with rail service connecting Central Ohio to other major urban centers, rural and Appalachian areas on the national passenger rail network. (12/14/23)

[MORPC seeks public input on draft regional transportation plan objectives and performance measures](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is seeking comments from the public on the proposed objectives and performance measures related to the regional goals for the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Columbus Urbanized Area. (12/22/23)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LANCASTER EAGLE-GAZETTE

[Economic update provides outlook for upcoming year](#)

Executive Director of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission William Murdock and President/CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and former congressman Steve Stivers were guest speakers. (12/19/22)

GREENWAYS

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Rapid 5 board members hope to tackle equity, economic development and more in Central Ohio](#)

The new board members for the Rapid 5 nonprofit hope to address issues from equity to economic development and beyond with their positions. (12/6/22)

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[Rapid 5 Announces Board of Directors](#)

The RAPID 5 regional greenways development project took another step toward reality today, with the lineup announcement of its first board of directors. The nonprofit aims to interconnect the region's park and trail systems by focusing on restoration and connection of the five major watersheds in Central Ohio. (12/6/22)

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Rapid 5 nonprofit board members are leaders from all sectors in Central Ohio](#)

The new Rapid 5 nonprofit has named board members from all sectors in Central Ohio, from the arts to real estate to healthcare. (12/6/22)

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Board members named to RAPID 5 effort to link major Franklin County waterways with trails](#)

A board has been named to help guide RAPID 5, the nonprofit created earlier this year to link Franklin County's five major waterways with trails and create economic development and attractions to lure people to the water. (12/7/22)

HOUSING

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Grove City working to update zoning code to help attract modern businesses](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's regional housing strategy adopted in 2020 identifies affordable housing as a priority, also endorsed by some central Ohio cities. (12/15/22)

INTEL

DELAWARE GAZETTE

[Engineer: Intel to impact county's traffic](#)

JobsOhio also offered \$150 million in grant funding, news reports said. In addition, the City of New Albany is offering a 30-year, 100% property tax abatement in its city business park. In part for his efforts to land the Intel manufacturing plant, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission awarded its latest Excellence in Public Service Award to City Manager Joe Stefanov. (12/13/22)

SUSTAINABILITY

COLUMBUS FREE PRESS

[Central Ohio Water and Wastewater Planning Workshop hosted by Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission \(MORPC\)](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), in partnership with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), will hold a community planning workshop for local government officials, consultants, and other stakeholders to address strategic planning needs related to water and waste water in the region. (12/2/22)

THE DELAWARE GAZETTE

[Genoa Twp. Recognized by MORPC](#)

Genoa is the only township in Delaware County to be designated silver status by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. MORPC made the announcement on Facebook on Nov. 29. (12/7/22)

TRANSPORTATION

WOSU Radio 89.7

[How much does Columbus invest in new sidewalks each year?](#)

Federal transportation dollars also go to local projects through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, or MORPC. Tom Graham, a senior planner with MORPC, said the process of approving sidewalk projects is largely data-driven. (12/5/22)

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[MORPC Matters: Growing region reflects promising future](#)

It was about this time last year when speculation started around a big economic-development investment being considered in the region. (12/6/22)

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[Meet Megan O'Callaghan: Dublin's New City Manager](#)

"We spent the last 15 years collaborating with our partners in Union County, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and Ohio Department of Transportation to fund improvements to the U.S. 33/S.R. 161/Post Road interchange, to meet the needs of future development in our West Innovation District, which is anchored by The Ohio University Dublin Campus," O'Callaghan said. (12/8/22)

SCIOTO DAILY NEWS

[MORPC Aims to add passenger rail service to Chillicothe, Lancaster, Other Southern Ohio regions](#)

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LOGAN DAILY NEWS

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COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[MORPC, Ohio's Mayors Work to Advance Amtrak Expansion Plans](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), along with other metropolitan planning organizations throughout the state, submitted "expression of interest" letters to the Federal Railroad Administration earlier this fall. Also sending a letter was a group of mayors along the proposed 3C+D corridor (linking Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and Cleveland), including Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther. (12/19/22)

RAILWAY AGE

[Transit Briefs: MORPC, Alstom](#)

According to a *Columbus Underground* report, [MORPC](#), along with other metropolitan planning organizations throughout Ohio, submitted “expression of interest” letters to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) earlier this fall indicating their willingness to work with the FRA to “create more detailed plans for new passenger rail service.” (12/21/22)

LINKUS

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[Design concepts presented for LinkUs transit stations](#)

Work continues on the LinkUs initiative – a plan to build new transit corridors and greatly expand the region’s transportation options – despite last summer’s decision to delay putting a sales tax increase on the ballot to fund it. (12/6/22)