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MORPC IN THE NEWS

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HOUSING

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[Register Now For Economic Development and Prosperity Speaker Series](#)

You are cordially invited to take part in the Economic Development and Housing Discussion on Wednesday, April 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at The Avalon Theatre in Uptown Marysville—located at 121 South Main Street. Here, you will have the opportunity to obtain a local economic development update and to hear from Jon Melchi from the Builders Industry Association of Central Ohio, and William Murdock from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. (4/19/2023)

UNION COUNTY DAILY DIGITAL

[Economic speaker series focuses on housing and development](#)

The most recent Speaker Series was recently conducted at the Avalon and included presentations by Jon Melchi from the BIA and William Murdock from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), where they discussed economic development and housing, the full video of which can be found at this YouTube

link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFrXZ9JNAUk. (4/26/2023)

PASSENGER RAIL

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[Not just 3C+D: Columbus-to-Chicago Amtrak route Also up for federal funding](#)

Earlier this month, the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) applied for \$500,000 to study the Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh corridor. (4/27/2023)

SUSTAINABILITY

WCMH-TV4

[A study ranked Columbus as the 'most polluted major city' in the U.S., but regional planners aren't questioning that](#)

An air quality study released in recent weeks rendering Columbus the “most polluted major U.S. city” left some Ohio planners and researchers — including at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission — scratching their heads. TV segment: [\(21\) A study ranked Columbus as the 'most polluted major city' in the U.S., but regional planners are que - YouTube](#) (4/13/2023)

WBNS-10TV

[Report: Columbus air quality improves despite being named most polluted city](#)

The MORPC is in the process of concluding a yearlong study gathering data from air sensors in the community to look at pollution patterns. (4/26/2023)

STATE OF THE REGION

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Amtrak, U.S. DOT officials like Columbus' chance for restoring passenger rail](#)

An official for the U.S. Department of Transportation, which will award those grants, was even more encouraging. Both were among speakers at the recent Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's annual State of the Region event. (4/3/2023)

DELAWARE GAZETTE

[MORPC Holds State of the Region](#)

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MORROW COUNTY SENTINEL

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TRANSPORTATION

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Our View: 'Inadequate, antiquated or nonexistent' People deserve better ways to get around](#)

It is harder to get around the Columbus area than it should be. Solutions are complex, but the reason is simple: the growing region does not have the public transportation options people want or need. Thanks to Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, there is now a survey that reinforces the real desire for concrete actions that will move us forward. (4/10/2023)

LINKUS

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Growing vertical: See where in Columbus leaders have identified for denser development](#)

Many of these focus areas for denser growth are along Central Ohio Transit Authority bus routes. Local leaders are working on bringing bus rapid transit to Franklin County through the LinkUS effort, and [connecting COTA to work centers, including the \\$20-billion Intel project rising in the section of New Albany recently annexed in Licking County.](#) (4/6/2023)