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MORPC stresses Pedestrian Safety during Local Communities' Trick or Treat

(Columbus – October 28, 2014) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is asking communities, drivers, parents and pedestrians to pay particular attention to Trick or Treaters during their night of Halloween celebration. MORPC recommends that parents and youth follow these pedestrian safety tips:

- Parents of young pedestrians are urged to watch out for drivers while they accompany their children.
- Encourage kids to walk, not run and to never cut across lawns or driveways.
- Be mindful at roadway crossings and always look both ways before crossing.
- Make sure costumes have some reflective or light coloring.
- Parents carry flashlights to lighten dark stairs or sidewalks.

“Trick or Treat’ should be a fun time for children in Central Ohio,” states William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director. “We strongly urge parents and drivers to watch out for the Trick or Treaters in their community and help keep them safe.”

In September, MORPC set the unified “Trick or Treat” date for the next five years, rain or shine. If Halloween, October 31, falls on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, then “Trick or Treat” will be held the prior Thursday. If Halloween falls on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, then “Trick or Treat” will be held on that day. Even though MORPC approved an unified date, local communities maintain the authority to change it.

MORPC designed a map and listing of “Trick or Treat” schedules for its local community members. The information can be found on MORPC’s website at www.morpc.org. Communities are also encouraged to publish on their websites the date and time for “Trick or Treat” in their community.

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