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## MORPC IN THE NEWS

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### **PRESS RELEASES**

[MORPC Announces Public Information Officer](#)

### **COLUMBUS DISPATCH**

[U.S. Route 23: ODOT looking at ways to improve traffic flow through Delaware County](#)

The Ohio Department of Transportation continues to investigate improvements, upgrades and a bypass as possibilities to address increasing traffic along U.S. Route 23 through Delaware County.

[Hot off the press: COTA consolidates public transit system on Dec. 31, 1973](#)

Each Sunday, The Dispatch features a front page from this week in history to celebrate the newspaper's 150 years of publication, with a little update on what's happened since.

[MORPC Matters: Investing in Ohio's infrastructure will pay long-term dividends](#)

For decades, infrastructure in Ohio and across the nation has suffered from a systemic lack of investment.

['Can people afford to live here?' Join the next Columbus Conversation.](#)

You don't have to be in the hunt for a new place to lay your head to know the housing market is tight in Greater Columbus. All indications are that it is going to get tighter.

[Experts: City's 'wonderful magic carpet ride' might end if housing crisis isn't fixed](#)

There was a time when far more people saw "affordable housing" as solely a social issue. Those days are long over in Columbus, a community projected to grow to 3 million people by 2050.

['We have a housing crisis in Greater Columbus.' Solutions subject of upcoming conversation](#)

Each time a reporter has gone to one of the many news conferences about affordable housing in the past few years, I request that the reporter ask the mayor or others touting affordable housing projects to define what they're talking about.

[Infrastructure projects top list of initiatives for city of Dublin in 2022](#)

Reconstruction of a major interchange and other several other infrastructure improvements on a smaller scale will begin in 2022 in Dublin, according to City Manager Dana McDaniel.

[Our view: The road ahead will not be smooth for Columbus, but we must travel it](#)

Despite the challenges presented in 2021 — a year when we struggled to overcome the forces that brought 2020 to a literal halt — this community took great leaps forward. We are not where we were, but as we take on 2022, we are far from where we need to be as a community.

## **COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND**

[Why It's So Hard to Build Affordable Housing](#)

A wide range of local organizations and institutions have been working in recent years to draw attention to the need for more affordable housing in Central Ohio. Numerous plans and studies have been completed on the topic, but they tend to assume a level of familiarity with the affordable housing and development industries that most people simply don't have, and they don't answer the most basic question – 'If there is such a desperate shortage of affordable housing, why aren't developers just building more of it?'

[The Future of Transportation in Columbus, Ohio](#)

From the local LinkUs program to Amtrak and beyond! We check in with Thea Ewing at MORPC to talk about all types of transportation updates taking place in Central Ohio.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

### **KNOX PAGES**

[Keys to resolving Knox County's housing shortage: available, affordable, attractive](#)

It's no secret that Knox County is facing a housing shortage. Just ask anyone trying to rent an apartment or buy a home.

### **THE LANTERN**

[Potential COTA Route Coming to West Campus, Awaits Federal Funding](#)

A new COTA route may come to Ohio State's West Campus, pending federal funding from the stimulus package.

### **WCBE**

[Prognosis Ohio: Scooters, Ubers, and Automobiles: Sustainable Transportation with Prof. Harvey Miller](#)

Topics include walking and accessibility, micromobility, challenges in dislodging overdependence on cars, ride hailing apps, and what Ohio stands to gain from the infrastructure bill recently enacted by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Biden.

### **LOGAN DAILY NEWS**

[U.S. 33 traffic study underway](#)

A traffic study for U.S. 33 from the Fairfield County line to the state Route 180 interchange is ongoing, according to an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 10 spokesperson.

### **SPECTRUM NEWS**

[Amtrak president talks chances of expansion in Ohio](#)

The president of Amtrak said the new infrastructure law will help create a "new era of rail mobility," but the tens of billions of dollars in new spending still may not guarantee the long-sought return of passenger service between Ohio's largest cities.

## **RICHLAND RESOURCE**

[Who in the world is doing public transit well, even during a pandemic?](#)

So who is doing public transit via buses well in the United States and around the world, even during a pandemic? As Richland County Transit prepares to launch a transit development plan in 2022, it's worth looking around to see what other communities are experiencing success -- and challenges.