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AMTRAK

STATEHOUSE NEW BUREAU

[Statewide Passenger Rail Could Return](#)

A plan to bring passenger rail back to much of Ohio could be on track, a dozen years after it was rejected. Karen Kasler breaks it down with two agencies affected.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

KNOX PAGES

[Knox County commissioners say no to wind farms, okay solar on case-by-case basis](#)

The commissioners approved a support letter for Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission to apply for a regional economic development district designation. (08/11/2022)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

NBC 4

[DeWine, Whaley answer questions during gubernatorial candidate forum](#)

Gubernatorial candidates Mike DeWine and Nan Whaley spent parts of their day answering questions at a mid-Ohio regional planning commission conference.

STATEHOUSE NEWS BUREAU

[Mike DeWine and Nan Whaley lay out their vision for state and local infrastructure needs](#)

The two took part — at separate times — in a forum hosted by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and the Ohio Association of Regional Councils.

See also: [WOUB Public Media](#)

INTEL

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Intel's impact: Fourth Columbus water plant key to serving fast-growing New Albany](#)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission had to expand transportation infrastructure plans it had just reworked last fall. (08/08/2022)

OHIO STATE NEWS

[Intel development requires expanded transportation options, planners say](#)

The July 29 panel featured Andre Carrel, Ohio State assistant professor of transportation with the College of Engineering's Knowlton School and director of the university's Travel Behavior Research Group; Lexi Petrella, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) senior mobility planner; and Kimberly Sharp, Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) senior director of development. (08/11/2022)

SPECTRUM 1 NEWS

[Road expansions underway as Columbus prepares for Intel](#)

Other organizations, like the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, are also preparing for the groundbreaking.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

[Wanted: 7,000 construction workers for Intel chip plants](#)

Central Ohio is expected to reach 3 million residents by 2050, a rate that would require 11,000 to 14,000 housing units a year. That was before Intel was announced, said Jennifer Noll, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's associate director for community development.

See also: [VOA News](#)

DELAWARE GAZETTE

[ODOT paving the way for Intel](#)

As a result of this work, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is amending its 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

SPECTRUM 1 NEWS

[Ohio short on housing ahead of Intel arrival](#)

The Columbus Metropolitan area is home to more than 2 million people. By 2050, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is expecting the region to grow by a million more.

LINKUS

MASS TRANSIT MAGAZINE

[USDOT awards \\$3.25 million to three mobility focused Regional Infrastructure Accelerators](#)

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) will receive \$750,000 for the LinkUS Mobility Initiative, which is a collaborative effort to enhance mobility options in central Ohio.

RAPID 5

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Thrive Companies donates \\$1 million to RAPID 5 effort to link trails and waterways](#)

The RAPID 5 project is a collaboration of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Urban Land Institute of Columbus, Metro Parks and the city of Columbus.

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Columbus developer Thrive Cos. donates \\$1M to new Rapid 5 nonprofit](#)

A Columbus developer has donated \$1 million to the new Rapid 5 nonprofit.

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

[Columbus developer Thrive Cos. donated \\$1M to Rapid 5. Here's why the Wagenbrenners believe in connecting our waterways.](#)

"The idea of Rapid 5 is not to control everything. This is only going to be successful if it is a grassroots effort and everyone participates."

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

[Development Roundup: August 2022 Edition](#)

RAPID 5 announced last week that local developer Thrive Companies has committed to donating \$1 million to the parks and greenways nonprofit. (08/10/2022)

SUSTAINABILITY

NBC 4

[Why is Columbus getting warmer? Ohio State study underway](#)

Scientists from the Ohio State University's Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center, Franklin County Public Health, Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and local environmental groups aided in the study.

TRANSIT

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[COTA board OKs \\$395.7 million capital budget including transit center near Rickenbacker](#)

COTA received \$3.75 million in federal funds through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and a \$1 million state grant to help pay for the transit center.

TRANSPORTATION

COLUMBUS MESSENGER

[Grove City Council approves I-71 overpass study](#)

The city plans to apply for various funding sources to offset the initial capital cost for the improvements, including but not exclusive to, federal attributable funds through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and roadwork development funds.

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Grove City Council moves forward with study of I-71 overpass feasibility](#)

The engineering firm is to study the economic, traffic, utility and environmental impact of creating an overpass and submit an application on the city's behalf with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for MORPC's attributable funding for transportation program.

COLUMBUS MESSENGER

[Township seeks MORPC grant for road repairs](#)

According to Pleasant Township Road Superintendent Robert Bausch, there is funding available for street repairs through MORPC's Local Transportation Improvement Program.

COLUMBUS MESSENGER

[Jackson Township seeks funding for repairs to Dyer and Brown roads](#)

The application is due Sept. 2. It will be reviewed and scored by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

COLUMBUS MESSENGER

[Safety and security issues discussed in Prairie Township](#)

In other news, Josh Roth, economic development manager with COTA, and John Gardocki, transit planner with MORPC, shared information on the proposed BRT corridor project within the township.

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

[Grove City seeks financial help to keep Columbus Street from flooding](#)

The city plans to submit an application for funding provided by the Ohio Public Works Commission and administered by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.