

MORPC IN THE NEWS September 2022

HOUSING

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Columbus area needs to double housing construction to meet demand, report finds

Kerstin Carr, senior director of planning at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, has not seen the report yet, but said its findings appear to "demonstrate there is an even stronger need for building houses more quickly."

GREENWAYS

COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Metro Parks applying for grants to pay for new trails along Scioto River on South Side and at Highbanks

The Metro Parks board passed a resolution this past week to apply for \$8.6 million for the Scioto trail extension and \$3.8 million for the Highbanks extension from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

INTEL

1812BLOCKHOUSE

Intel Investment Projections Inch Higher; Strong Regional Economic Impact Certain The summer of 2022 has seen entities like the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) move into high gear to facilitate turning planning and action.

WOUB PUBLIC MEDIA

Local leaders say Intel's future workforce will need public transportation options

William Murdock, executive director for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, said it's important to try to get Amtrak to follow through with a proposal to provide a train route between four of Ohio's major cities.

THISWEEK NEWS

Intel providing more work to MORPC in terms of transportation, planning

"Central Ohio's regional council," the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, is casting a fresh eye on Intel and the long-term effects the development will have on the area stretching a hundred or more miles in each direction.

10TV

'Don't panic': Transportation officials discuss Intel traffic concerns

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission says it's looking at a combination of different transportation models to solve the traffic problem.

OHIO STATE NEWS

<u>How foresight in public affairs can ensure the promise and potential of Intel in central Ohio</u> Some solutions: subsidies; strategic housing development with various home price points; and

help from nonprofits such as NeighborWorks, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Ohio Housing Financing Agency and the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, which have expertise on how to serve people across the income spectrum.

THE INTELLIGENCER/WHEELING NEWS REGISTER

Preparing the Workforce

Work is expected to begin in time for the facilities to open in 2025. So, "we've got some work to do as a region," said Jennifer Noll, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's associate director for community development.

RAPID 5

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

Amy Acton, Jennifer Peterson ready for new career challenge with Rapid 5

Both have been tasked with shaping a vision for better embracing the region's five major waterways, inspired by an initiative launched by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and the Urban Land Institute with the help of some of the area's most prominent architecture and design firms.

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

Steelton Village: South Columbus neighborhood could get \$350 million development with apartments, concert venues, brewery and more

"We hope to be a jewel on the Rapid 5 necklace," McAllister said, referring to the new Central Ohio nonprofit aiming to better connect the region to its waterways.

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND

Major New Development, Expansion of The Fort Planned for South Side

"The RAPID 5 plan is a pretty exciting plan, and we're excited to be a piece of that," he [Justin McAllister] said.

COLUMBUS NAVIGATOR

A New Development Will Spark Life Into Steelton Village

Steelton will be connected by biking and hiking trails to nearby recreational attractions such as Berliner Park and Scioto Audubon Metro Park. "We hope to be a jewel on the Rapid 5 necklace," said McAllister.

COLUMBUS BUSINESS FIRST

<u>The Weekly Rundown: \$350M bet on the south side, housing in Bexley versus Easton</u> To help that revitalization along, they're also rooting for the Rapid 5 initiative that's aiming to connect the region's waterways and greenspaces.

TRANSPORTATION

NEWARK ADVOCATE

Etna Township applying for federal money for Pike Street upgrades

The township is in the process of applying for federal funds through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to repair and enhance the road that runs through the heart of the township.

THISWEEK NEWS

<u>MORPC Matters: We're advancing multimodal transportation goals via attributable funding</u> MORPC's Attributable Funds Committee has recognized the need to promote multimodal transportation infrastructure and is taking impactful steps toward ensuring all central Ohioans can benefit from our transportation investments.

THISWEEK NEWS

Grove City working on request for I-71 overpass funding

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission expects to announce in early 2023 if Grove City's plans for an I-71 overpass will qualify for funding, said MORPC senior planner Tom Graham.

COLUMBUS MESSENGER

Grove City seeks funding for overpass project

At the Sept. 6 meeting, council approved a resolution that would allow the city administrator to apply for funding through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the southwest area overpass project.

DELAWARE GAZETTE

Funding sought for city projects

The City of Delaware is seeking funding from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for a trio of improvement projects around the community.

THISWEEK NEWS

<u>Grove City envisions major economic gains with planned medical-innovation gateway</u> Toward that end, the city has said it would apply for federal grant funding via the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

LANCASTER EAGLE GAZETTE

<u>County commissioner Steve Davis sees local transportation issues firsthand as Uber driver</u> Davis said he's meeting with and will continue to meet with those related to local transportation to understand if there is more they can do to help people. That includes Mayor David Scheffler, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

TRICK OR TREAT

NBC 4

List: 2022 Trick-or-Treat dates in central Ohio

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) suggests that when Oct. 31 falls on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, trick or treating be held on Oct. 31.

<u>U.S. 23</u>

BG INDEPENDENT NEWS

Tired of traffic lights - BG considers joining region's request for Route 23 study

TMACOG has long advocated for an improved highway connection to the state capital, and last year partnered with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to study options to improve travel between Waldo and Interstate 270.