

## Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

### *Remote Meeting*

#### Central Ohio Greenways Forum Meeting Notes

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March 20, 2024

#### **Linden Green Line**

Brad Westall, City of Columbus, reported that the project aims to transform a formerly abandoned rail corridor into a vibrant greenway stretching from 17th Avenue to Westerville. The corridor, now a linear park, will provide significant recreational and community space in densely populated neighborhoods, enhancing access to green spaces and connecting with the broader Central Ohio greenways network. Notable is the corridor's strategic integration with existing urban pathways and public transit, improving overall community connectivity and safety.

#### **Dublin Signature Trail**

J.M. Rayburn, City of Dublin reported that the Dublin Signature Trail is designed as a multi-faceted experience rather than just a trail. The project emphasizes creative placemaking with installations that narrate Dublin's historical and cultural evolution. The trail aims to be a catalyst for economic development in Dublin's Metro Center Office District, integrating environmental and aesthetic enhancements to create a unique recreational pathway.

#### **Columbus Outdoor Trails Pass**

Melinda Vonstein, MORPC, highlighted the Columbus Outdoor Trails Pass initiative, a recent addition to the regional trail offerings that promotes trail usage and outdoor engagement across various demographics. The Pass Program is part of a broader effort to integrate trail experiences with cultural and community activities, enhancing the recreational landscape of Central Ohio.

#### **General Updates:**

Melinda Vonstein also provided updates on several funding and collaborative initiatives aimed at expanding and connecting the trail network in Central Ohio. These include federal and local grant applications and community partnership efforts, underscoring the region's commitment to sustainable infrastructure and active transportation.