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PLANNING COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF A MEETING
DEI & DATA WORKING GROUP
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

REMOTE MEETING

March 19, 2025, 10:00 am

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions – Group

2. MORPC Updates – Dave Dixon

- a. State of the Region - Sold Out (Friday)
- b. Leaders Listen - Economic Development (Friday)
- c. Insights Platform Soft Launch (Link Available Upon Request)
The MORPC Insights platform has been soft-launched, with feedback requested by April 11. Implementation of the Insights platform will be in three phases: Phase One involves consolidating existing data, Phase Two will add more content and comparisons, and Phase Three will open the platform to contributing partners.

3. Working Group Discussion Items

- a. Renaming "Data for Access and Opportunity" – Group
Staff and Members discussed renaming the Working Group to "Data for Access and Opportunity." The new name will be proposed to RDAC at their April 1, 2025, meeting.
- b. Confirm Tactic Switch from Developing Presentations to Group Project – Group
- c. Project Ideas – Group
 - Using Spatial Data to Identify Opportunities to Provide Better Access to Trails and Greenspaces to Underserved Communities in the Region
Members and staff discussed leveraging the existing NSF-funded project to enhance multimodal transportation networks. They plan to focus on access to green spaces and trails, with the Working Group providing guidance and feedback. Member Miller will provide an update on the NSF project status, including the no-cost extension request, at the next Working Group meeting on April 16. Staff will engage with stakeholders from Metro Parks, Central Ohio Greenways, Rapid 5, COTA, Delaware County Transit Authority, the City of Columbus, and the City of Delaware to gather feedback on the project idea.
 - Other?

4. Member / Sector Updates – Group

Member Miller provided updates on the Ghost Neighborhoods Project, which uses AI and machine learning to recreate historical neighborhoods in Columbus. The project is gaining momentum and aims to raise internal funding for continued work. Member Miller

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will demonstrate the VR project on Poindexter Village and Hanford Village at a Working Group meeting later this year.

5. Other Business?

6. Adjourn

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or LKaufman@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

**The next DEI & Data Working Group Meeting
Will be April 16, 2025, at 10:00 am.
This Meeting will be held remotely; details to follow.**



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Remote Meeting

DEI & Data Working Group Meeting

March 19, 2025

Members Present

Harvey Miller, OSU CURA
Aaron Powell, City of Columbus

Staff Present

Dave Dixon
Lynn Kaufman
Yan Liu

