



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
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PLANNING COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF A MEETING  
REGIONAL INFORMATION & DATA GROUP STEERING COMMITTEE  
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

***REMOTE MEETING***  
**April 8, 2025, 3:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome**

**2. May 14 RIDG Meeting**

- Discuss RDAC Chair Drummond's Presentation: Authorize, Track, Normalize, Compile, & Link Sensitive Metrics Received from a Number of Platforms & Services.
  - Ethan Hug noted that the next RIDG meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2025, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Attendees will be encouraged to be in-person, but there will be a hybrid remote option.
  - RDAC Chair Christina Drummond will present on authorizing, tracking, normalizing, and compiling data. Her presentation is expected to last about an hour, although she has enough content for an hour and a half.

**3. Brainstorming: Ideas for the August 13 RIDG Meeting**

Members and staff discussed potential topics for the August 13, 2025, meeting:

Human Services Needs Projections

Member LaFayette shared details about his project on Human Service Needs Projections in Central Ohio, including population growth, immigration, income and poverty, housing and homelessness, and employment and labor force for the years 2025, 2035, and 2050.

Economic Inclusion and DEI

Member LaFayette discussed his project on the economic value of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), which he presented at a previous event.

Economic Impact Studies

Member LaFayette is conducting economic impact studies for the Columbus Zoo and the Wilmington Port Authority.

Economic Experts Panel

Member Moore offered to present on the Economic Experts Panel. The Panel Project involves a group of 30 economists across the state answering questions about public policy issues. The Panel meets monthly, and endeavors to frame the questions neutrally

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to gather unbiased opinions. Member Moore highlighted the qualitative data collected from the Panel, which often provides insightful responses. The Panel Project has been ongoing for the past five years; its goal is to create data and insights that inform public policy decisions.

#### LinkUS

Members and staff discussed having a LinkUS presentation, focusing on the data-driven approach to planning and the thoughtfulness around equity. Members were enthusiastic about the idea, and discussed the potential for a series of presentations on the topic covering different aspects of the planning and implementation process. Member Moore noted the attention to equity in the planning process, including considerations of demographic differences, income, and race.

#### **4. Changes in Group Operation**

Ethan reminded Members about the dissolution of the RIDG Steering Committee. Staff will be soliciting topic ideas and speakers from the RDAC Members in the future.

#### Networking/Idea Generation

Members and staff discussed the potential benefits of having networking time after RIDG meetings to gather ideas and suggestions from participants. They considered the possibility of extending the meeting time by 30 minutes for this purpose.

#### **5. Next Steps**

- Staff will confirm the participation of RDAC Chair Christina Drummond for the May 14 meeting.
- Staff will gather ideas and suggestions from RIDG Members for the August 13 meeting during the May meeting.
- Member LaFayette will be considered for a presentation on the Human Services Needs Projection for the August 13 meeting, including population growth, immigration, income, poverty, housing, homelessness, employment, and labor force.
- Member Moore will be considered for a presentation on the Experts Panel for the August 13 meeting, including qualitative and quantitative data insights.
- Staff will coordinate with MORPC, COTA, and other relevant parties will be considered for a presentation on the LinkUS project for the August 13 meeting, focusing on data-driven planning and implementation.

#### **6. Adjourn**

**Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or [LKaufman@morpc.org](mailto:LKaufman@morpc.org) to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
*Remote Meeting*

Regional Information & Data User Group Steering Committee Meeting

April 8, 2025

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Members Present

Bill LaFayette, Regionomics  
Rob Moore, Scioto Analysis

Staff Present

Dave Dixon  
Ethan Hug  
Lynn Kaufman

