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NOTICE OF A MEETING
REGIONAL INFORMATION & DATA GROUP
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
IN-PERSON Meeting

Remote option available for those unable to attend in-person.
March 6, 2024, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

Updates

RDAC Working Groups Updates

Topic Discussion

Blue Chip Economic and Housing Forecast – Bill LaFayette, Ph.D.

A deeper look at the economic forecast produced by Bill LaFayette. Here we will hear from Bill LaFayette about his forecast for the region with a focus on the housing conditions facing Central Ohio and how these forecasts were generated.

Bill LaFayette presented the Central Ohio Economic Forecast, discussing employment trends and the methodology used, including reliance on the Philadelphia Federal Reserve's quarterly survey and the Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

Employment Statistics and Forecasting

Bill detailed the process of generating employment forecasts for Columbus, including the challenges of working with local employment data and the need for seasonal adjustments. He highlighted the importance of the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages in verifying the accuracy of employment statistics.

Columbus Employment Trends

The Columbus economy is expected to underperform the national economy for the third consecutive year, with a forecasted gain of 9,800 jobs or 0.9%. Bill noted that construction remains a bright spot, while other key sectors like financial activities and healthcare have underperformed.

Population Growth and Labor Force

Bill discussed the population growth in the Columbus MSA, noting a slowdown in recent years. He explained the factors contributing to this trend, including natural increase and net migration, and highlighted the impact on the labor force and employment growth.

William Murdock, AICP
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Interim Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Interim Secretary

Housing Market Challenges

Bill addressed the challenges in the housing market, including the need for increased housing production to meet demand. He emphasized the importance of building affordable housing at various price points to support economic growth and population retention.

Current Housing Conditions: American Community Survey – Ethan Hug, MPA

An exploration of the data available through the ACS that MORPC has used to look at the current housing conditions in the MORPC Region.

Ethan presented data on the housing market conditions in Central Ohio, focusing on the diversity of housing units, changes in population for owner and renter-occupied units, and the impact of income growth on housing affordability. He highlighted the challenges faced by renters and the need for more affordable housing options.

Income and Housing Costs

Ethan analyzed the changes in household incomes and housing costs over the past decade, noting that while incomes have increased, the cost of housing has risen significantly. He discussed the impact of higher income households renting longer and the challenges faced by lower income households in affording housing.

Housing Affordability and Supply

Ethan discussed the impact of rising housing prices and mortgage rates on homeownership, highlighting the need for increased housing supply to meet demand. He emphasized the importance of building diverse housing options for low and middle-income households to address affordability issues.

Closing Remarks / Adjourn

Future Meetings

- Steering Committee: Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 2:30pm
- General meeting: May 29, 2024 @ 2:30pm

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 Meeting of the Regional Information & Data Group will be
May 29, 2024, 2:30 - 4:00 pm IN-PERSON with remote option available.**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Hybrid Meeting

Regional Information & Data Group Meeting

March 6, 2024

Attendees Present:

- Kim Baillieul, City of Columbus
- Joachim Bean, State of Ohio
- Andrew Bishop, Union County
- Jake Bland, OhioHealth
- Monica Conners, Delaware County
- Emily Cooner, Franklin County
- Agata Dryla-Gaca, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- Shoreh Elhami, City of Columbus
- Sam Filkins, Knox County Area Development Foundation
- Brad Fisher, Delaware County Regional Planning Commission
- Samantha Grevas, JobsOhio
- Juliet Hall, REV1 Ventures
- Melanie Hill, United Way of Central Ohio
- Ryan Kelley, City of New Albany
- Bill LaFayette, Regionomics
- Erick Lobao, City of Columbus
- Sam McLaughlin, JobsOhio
- Summer McVicker, JobsOhio
- Gene Oliver, City of Worthington
- Julie Pruett-Bishop, City of Columbus
- Eli Reebeel, SourcePoint
- Troy Rindler, United Way of Central Ohio
- Brittany Ring, City of Columbus
- Kyle Schaper, Licking County
- Nicholas Smeeding, Columbus Regional Airport Authority
- Glennon Sweeney, OSU
- Amelia Tucciarone, SourcePoint
- Andrew Wilson, City of Hilliard
- Tao Zhang, JobsOhio

Staff Present

- Oliver Gwynn
- Ethan Hug
- Lynn Kaufman
- Kelsey Matson
- Adam Porr