



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
MORPC
PLANNING COMMISSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

22 May 2025 CEDS Meeting



COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECTS



PROGRAM UPDATES



Goals

- **Identify** regional priorities
- **Implement** by seeking funding resources
- **Advocate** to create awareness with legislative officials

Program Pillars

- Sustainable and Equitable Economic Growth
- Infrastructure Planning and Implementation
- Economic Resilience
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- ✓ Documented community support
- ✓ Community readiness/Project Status



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ADVANTAGE  PROJECTS

Nomination form opens: July 2025



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY



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Introductory workshops led by experts on a variety of economic and community development planning topics.

Goal: **Capacity building** for communities with limited resources.

Audience: Targeted toward Public officials, school board members, township trustees, planning and zoning board members

Benefits

- ✓ Knowledge
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Insights



FIRST CLASS: AUGUST 7, 2025
REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 2025



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COURSE SCHEDULE

- ☐ Role of local governments in a community's economic development, **August 7, 10am-2pm**
- ☐ Fiscal Impact Analysis, **September 17, 9:30-12:30pm**
- ☐ Economic Impact Analysis, **September 17, 1-4pm**
- ☐ Comprehensive & Master Planning, **October 7, 9:30am-1:30pm**
- ☐ Economics behind Housing Developments, **November 6, 10am-2pm**
- ☐ Capstone: Understanding the pros & cons of development tools, **December 17, 10am-2pm**

Instructors include:

- ☐ Mark Barbash
- ☐ Daryl Hennessy
- ☐ Ben Vollrath
- ☐ Jeff Harris
- ☐ Dana McDaniel
- ☐ Carlie Boos
- ☐ Eric Meyer
- ☐ Jamie Green
- ☐ Mark Lundine
- ☐ Dr. Stephanie Moulton
- ☐ Chris Magill
- ☐ Steve Schoeny
- ☐ Sam Filkins
- ☐ Bill Bogantz



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CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL WATER STUDY



Key Findings

- Current water volumes in the 15-county region are generally sufficient to meet current and anticipated drinking water demands.
- Projected residential and economic growth may require additional infrastructure investments in water and wastewater facilities and/or the advancement of water recycling strategies.



Scan the code to access the
Central Ohio Regional Water
Projection Dashboard

REGION – LEADERS LISTEN SURVEY RESULTS



TOP ECONOMIC ISSUE

HOUSING COSTS ARE TOO HIGH!

73%

ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS

Biggest Concerns for Local Economy

1. "Housing is too expensive"
2. "Too few high-paying jobs"
3. "Limited housing options"
4. "Lack of affordable childcare"
5. "Too few job opportunities"

Most Impactful Economic Initiatives

1. Increase housing "workers can afford"
2. Support "small businesses & entrepreneurs"
3. Attract "new businesses & industries"
4. Support "existing businesses & headquarters"
5. "Enhancing public transit options"



THE REPORT CARD

OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH PLANNERS AND DECISION MAKERS

My Transportation Needs	-31%	+36%
Central Ohio's Economic Development Needs	-28%	+37%
Central Ohio's Environmental Quality Needs	-32%	+31%
My Housing Needs	-44%	+30%



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OTHER UPDATES



EDA Grant

Brownfield

**Freight
Planning**

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Wednesday
June 4th, 2025
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Vitria on the Square
14 E 15th Avenue,
Columbus OH 43201

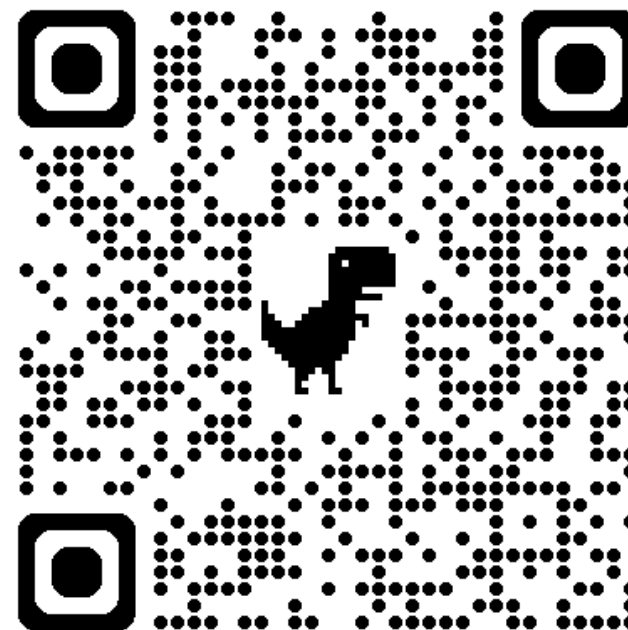
KEYOTE SPEAKERS



JEFF TUMLIN
Former CEO
San Francisco Municipal
Transportation Agency



KRISTIN WHITE
Transportation Industry Executive
& Head of Transportation Strategy
Partnerships
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Securing Our Energy Future: Planning Energy Resilience for a High-Demand Future

Informational & Workshop Forum Series

WHEN – **Thursday, June 5** from **9 AM – 1 PM** at **MORPC**

WHY – **Central Ohio faces rising energy demand**—communities must plan now for a resilient future.

WHO – This session will help **local government and community leaders** plan for a more secure, resilient, and affordable energy future for their communities.

KEY TOPICS

- ▲ Impacts of large-scale energy users (data centers, industrial parks)
- ▲ How energy production/consumption intersects with land use
- ▲ Tools to integrate energy planning
- ▲ Ohio's HB 15 industrial microgrid framework – a groundbreaking policy
- ▲ Strategies to align energy resilience with economic opportunity

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Columbus 40 Under 40



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