

**BOARD**

Letty Schamp,  
Chair

Laura Ball  
Kacey Brankamp  
Tony Collins  
Leah Evans  
Catherine Girves  
William Habig  
Bill Hebble  
Adrienne Joly  
Dan Kaderly  
Gregory Lestini  
Alex Nouanesengsy  
Ted Miller  
Eric Oberg  
Andrew Overbeck  
Abby Rhodebeck  
Kelly Scocco  
David Scheffler  
Tony Slanec  
Scott Ulrich  
Julie Walcoff  
Brad Westall

**Staff Support**

Taylor Axene  
Kerstin Carr  
Melinda Vonstein

**Central Ohio Greenways Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**  
**2:00pm – 3:30pm**  
**MORPC Scioto Conference Room**

**Meeting Notes: Notes in Grey**

**Board Members Present:** Letty Schamp, Laura Ball, Kacey Brankamp, Leah Evans, Catherine Girves, Bill Hebble, Adrienne Joly, Dan Kaderly, Alex Nouanesengsy, Ted Miller, Eric Oberg, Andrew Overbeck, Kelly Scocco, Scott Ulrich, Julie Walcoff, Brad Westall  
**Staff Support Present:** Kerstin Carr, Melinda Vonstein

2:00 pm

**1. Welcome & Introductions – Letty Schamp, COG Chair**

- a. New board member appointments
  - i. New Board Members Leah Evans, Julie Walcoff, and Bill Hebble introduced to the board.
  - ii. Thank You to Ted Beidler for being an integral part of the COG Board and the development of the program. Bill Hebble will fill his seat on the Board.
  - iii. Review the COG Board member contact information and working group roles.
  - iv. There are available leadership positions: The Partnership working group chair, and the Trail Development working group chair. Contact Letty, Melinda, or Kerstin if interested.
  - v. Based on Board consensus the March 18<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> Board meetings will be moved to 1:30 – 3:00 to accommodate those who would like to attend the APBP webinars. Melinda will update the meeting invites.

**Other Announcements**

- Lexi Petrella shared MORPC Mobility updates:
  - The MORPC Transportation Demand Management Draft plan will be available for review within the next couple of weeks.
  - MORPC is planning to host two Block parties in 2020 to celebrate mobility options with pop-up bike lanes and other engagement opportunities. The first will be hosted in Linden in the Spring and Westerville in the Fall. Details are still being finalized
  - Lyft has a crowd sourcing map available to help determine where new stations should be installed. [COGOBikeshare.com/suggestastation](https://COGOBikeshare.com/suggestastation). New ebikes will be added to the lyft fleet soon and will be dockless with locks.
- Joe Garrity provided an update on the Eminent Domain Bill, HB288
  - The bill will likely be reintroduced as a new bill with slightly different language and be run through a different committee. The current bill is with the house civil justice committee.
  - MORPC will continue to oppose and provide testimony
  - Melinda will share the opposition language that MORPC has drafted with the Board. It is still in draft form and will be available soon.



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central Ohio Greenways Board is part of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). Primary funding comes from partnerships with governmental entities through its Greenways program.

**ADDRESS:** 111 Liberty St, Suite 100 Columbus, OH 43215 | **PHONE:** 614.233.4112

**WEB:** [www.CentralOhioGreenways.com](http://www.CentralOhioGreenways.com)

- Joe Garrity also shared that MORPC is advocating for COG trail projects to receive priority in the Capital Bill.

**b. Regional Trail Vision Definitions**

- The draft COG Definitions were reviewed with the Board. Board members would like to consider updating the mission and vision at a later date as part of a potential rebrand, but agreed to leave them as is for now.
- Catherine Girves requested to add that trails of regional significance should be open to the public 24/7 to the definition. There was consensus among board members.
- Melinda will update the draft definitions and send back out to the board for review before the next board meeting.
- 

MORPC will be meeting with city council's around the region to share COG's vision. A draft of the presentation to be shared at the council meetings will be shared at the next COG board meeting to receive guidance from the board before developing a final draft.

2:40 pm

**2. Working Group Reports**

**a. Operations & Access - *Catherine Girves, Working Group Chair***

Julie Walcoff shared details about the opportunity to advance a microgrid project along trails in the hilltop. AEP has funds available for microgrid projects. The Operations working group is developing a project scope and engaging with partners.

**b. Marketing & Communications – *Abby Rhodebeck, Working Group Co-Chair***

- Alex Nouanesengsy shared Licking County's progress on planning a "Taste of the Trails" event in their region.
- MORPC is developing branding and communication materials to support local communities in hosting their own events. MORPC/COG will provide tabling and other support assistance.
- Kerstin and Melinda met with The Mid-Ohio Food Bank to discuss options to provide equitable food truck/vending options. The Food Bank is interested in working with the region on the series of events. MORPC will continue to develop the partnership.
- Melinda, Kerstin, Brad Westall, and Kelly Scocco will meet with Shannon Hardin in February to pitch an event on Columbus's east side near the Shepard library.
- Scott Ulrich recommended using the Taste of the Trails program as a "ribbon cutting ceremony in a box" to highlight new trails.
- Eric Oberg mentioned that the Great American Trail – Warrior Expeditions will come through Columbus in Mid- July. There could be an event opportunity there.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> is Trails opening day.

**c. Partnership – *Greg Lestini, Working Group Member***

- The working group is looking for a new chair

The Central Ohio Greenways Board is part of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). Primary funding comes from partnerships with governmental entities through its Greenways program.

**ADDRESS:** 111 Liberty St, Suite 100 Columbus, OH 43215 | **PHONE:** 614.233.4112

**WEB:** [www.CentralOhioGreenways.com](http://www.CentralOhioGreenways.com)

- The group is focused on developing a “Trail Funding Resource Guide”

d. Trail Development – *Ted Beidler, Working Group Chair*

- Quadrant meetings have been scheduled for the end of January to review the COG regional trail vision plan
- The trail prioritization study is underway
- An urban greenway design guide is also underway.

**3. Rapid 5 Discussion**

- Kerstin, Melinda, and Letty meeting with ULI and OSU late January to discuss next steps.

3:00 pm

**4. Closing**

Next Meeting  
Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
~~2:00pm – 3:30pm~~ 1:30 – 3:00  
MORPC Scioto Conference Room

**When you arrive in MORPC’s lobby, a video screen will display the day’s meetings. Each meeting will list a phone extension. Use the phone in the lobby to call the extension and someone will come escort you to the meeting.**

**When parking in MORPC's parking lot, please be sure to park in a MORPC visitor space or in a space marked with an “M”. Handicapped parking is available at the side of MORPC’s building. MORPC is accessible by CBUS.**



# Central Ohio Greenways Board Meeting

January 15, 2020



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION



**THANK YOU!**  
**TED BEIDLER**

---

# COG Board Members — Marketing & Communications Working Group



MORPC

## **Adrienne Joly - Vice Chair**

Director Administrative Services

City of New Albany

[ajoly@newalbanyohio.org](mailto:ajoly@newalbanyohio.org)

614-939-2257

## **Alex Nouanesengsy**

Transportation Planner II/GIS Coordinator

Licking County Area Transportation Study

[anouanesengsy@lcounty.com](mailto:anouanesengsy@lcounty.com)

740-670-5212

## **Andrew Overbeck, AICP**

Principal

MKSK

[aoverbeck@mkskstudios.com](mailto:aoverbeck@mkskstudios.com)

614-686-0142

## **Abby Rhodebeck - Vice Chair**

Experiences Coordinator -Columbus

REI

[arhodeb@rei.com](mailto:arhodeb@rei.com)

614-475-1938

## **Tony Slanec**

Director of Columbus

OHM Advisors

[Tony.slanec@ohm-advisors.com](mailto:Tony.slanec@ohm-advisors.com)

614-474-1109

## **Scott Ulrich, AICP, CNU-A, LCI**

Health Places Program Director

City of Columbus Public Health

[stulrich@columbus.gov](mailto:stulrich@columbus.gov)

614-645-5318





---

# TASTE OF THE TRAILS

---



# TASTE OF THE TRAILS



TASTE OF THE



TRAILS

# COG Board Members – Operations & Access Working Group



MORPC

## **Catherine Girves – Chair**

Executive Director

Yay Bikes!

[Catherine@yaybikes.com](mailto:Catherine@yaybikes.com)

614-371-8232

## **Dan Kaderly**

Park Manager

Quarry Trails Metro Park

[kaderly@metroparks.net](mailto:kaderly@metroparks.net)

614-445-6914

## **Julie Walcoff**

Senior Planner

Toole Design

[jwalcof@tooledesign.com](mailto:jwalcof@tooledesign.com)

614-407-9122

# COG Board Members – Partnership Working Group



MORPC

## **Kacey Brankamp**

Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District  
Program Director, Downtown C-pass  
kcbrankamp@sidservices.com  
614-591-4504

## **Tony Collins**

President & CEO  
YMCA of Central Ohio  
[Tony.collins@ymcacolumbus.org](mailto:Tony.collins@ymcacolumbus.org)  
614-389-2808

## **Leah Evans**

Senior Vice President, Real Estate Development  
Homeport  
[Leah.evans@homeportohio.org](mailto:Leah.evans@homeportohio.org)  
614-545-4829

## **William Habig**

Granville Township  
[billhabig@windstream.net](mailto:billhabig@windstream.net)  
614-563-1656

## **Greg Lestini**

Partner  
Bricker & Eckler LLP  
[Glestini@bricker.com](mailto:Glestini@bricker.com)  
614-227-4893

## **Mayor David Scheffler**

Mayor  
City of Lancaster  
[mayor@ci.lancaster.oh.us](mailto:mayor@ci.lancaster.oh.us)  
740-687-6600

# COG Board Members – Trail Development Working Group



MORPC

**Letty Schamp, P.E.**

Deputy City Engineer

City of Hilliard

[lschamp@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:lschamp@hilliardohio.gov)

614-334-2456

**Laura Ball, PLA, ASLA**

Parks and Facilities Development Administrator

City of Westerville Parks & Recreation

[laura.ball@westerville.org](mailto:laura.ball@westerville.org)

614-901-6545

**Bill Hebble, P.E.**

Mobility Project Engineer

Franklin County Engineer Office

[webble@franklincountyengineer.org](mailto:webble@franklincountyengineer.org)

614-525-4821

**Ted Miller**

Parks & Natural Resource Director

City of Delaware

[Tmiller@delawareohio.net](mailto:Tmiller@delawareohio.net)

740-203-1452

**Eric Oberg**

Director of Trail Development

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

[eric@railstotrails.org](mailto:eric@railstotrails.org)

614-837-6782

**Kelly Scocco**

Deputy Director

City of Columbus Public Service

[kbscocco@columbus.gov](mailto:kbscocco@columbus.gov)

614-645-8290

**Brad Westall**

Planning Manager

Columbus Recreation & Parks

[brwestall@columbus.gov](mailto:brwestall@columbus.gov)

614-645-2441

# COG Definitions



- The **COG Vision** is a world-class network of trails easily accessible to every central Ohioan.
- The **COG Mission** is to increase greenways trail miles and use of trails for recreational and transportation needs.

# COG Definitions



- The **Regional Trail Vision Map** is a network of 700+ existing and proposed Trails of Regional Significance that spans 7 counties in Central Ohio.
  - The Regional Trail Vision Map was originally adopted in 2018 by the COG Board and MORPC's commission. The Regional Trail Vision Map may be updated annually.
  - Candidate Trails of Regional Significance must be recommended to the board by the COG Trail Development Working Group during a COG Board Meeting. The COG Board may choose to adopt an updated Regional Trail Vision Map if the adopted update adheres to the definitions as described in this document.

# COG Definitions



- A **Trail of Regional Significance** is a primary trail, predominantly off-street, that is multi-jurisdictional and connects people to major destination points. These trails have a well maintained, improved surface and should prioritize comfort and safety for trail users. In locations where Trails of Regional Significance intersect or conflict with vehicular traffic, the trail should be emphasized as highly as practicable. Landscaping and buffering should be incorporated into the design of these trails. Access to amenities, such as restrooms, drinking fountains, and parking, should be provided periodically. Wayfinding, snow & ice removal, and maintenance along Trails of Regional Significance are critical to ensure that reliable and equitable access is provided to all users.

# COG Definitions



- **Community COG Trail Connectors** are secondary on-and-off street pedestrian and bicycle facilities that provide access from a community to the Trails of Regional Significance o Community COG Trail Connectors are not identified on the Regional Trail Vision Map, but they have a secondary designation in GIS mapping maintained by MORPC. Community COG Trail Connector locations are to be determined at the discretion of local governments and must provide a connection into to the Trails of Regional Significance.
- Central Ohio Greenways supports, promotes, and advocates building, maintaining, and enhancing Trails of Regional Significance and Community COG Trail Connectors. The value of both trail types is understood as equally important to fulfilling the COG mission & vision.

