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NOTICE OF A MEETING
DATA FOR ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY WORKING GROUP
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REMOTE MEETING
June 18, 2025, 11:00 am

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

MORPC Updates

Securing our Energy Future

Dave Dixon provided an update on the ongoing Securing Our Energy Future series, which focuses on tackling growing energy needs, especially for base power, as heavy users like data centers and chip manufacturers increase. He encouraged participants to check out the remaining sessions on July 10 and August 27.

Economic Development Academy

Dave announced a new series of sessions regarding economic development for local governments. The first session is August 7, followed by two sessions on September 17 focused on fiscal and economic impact analysis.

Summit on Sustainability

Dave announced that registration for the Summit on Sustainability, scheduled in September, is now open. The event will feature breakout sessions on various topics related to sustainability and development. He also reminded participants that MORPC Working Group and Committee Members are eligible for Member pricing.

Member & Sector Updates

Supplier Diversity Dashboard

Member Powell updated the Working Group on the work being done on the Supplier Diversity Dashboard. The project is focusing on a small business program and a certification program for small businesses, assessing economic impacts and growth within these businesses.

Job Quality Standards

Dave discussed the progress of the Workforce & Job Quality Tracking Working Group, which is circulating a draft of job quality standards. That Working Group is seeking feedback on the draft and exploring how organizations might use these standards in their employment practices and vendor selection processes.

Ghost Neighborhoods of Columbus Project

Member Miller shared an update on the Ghost Neighborhoods of Columbus Project, which received a positive response from the National Science Foundation. OSU CURA is now in the

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process of updating documentation and negotiating the budget, with the goal of accelerating the development of 3D models of historic neighborhoods.

Eviction Data Infrastructure Project

Member Miller provided an update on the Eviction Data Infrastructure Project, which aims to develop tools for monitoring interventions and policy changes related to the eviction crisis in Central Ohio. OSU CURA is working with the Justice Tech project and the Columbus Foundation to secure funding and support for this effort.

Summer Webinar Series

Member Miller mentioned the summer webinar series, "Public Data for the Public Good," which focuses on maintaining and preserving public data. The series includes webinars on preserving ephemeral geospatial data and building community-centered infrastructures for data discovery and recovery. See more OSU Summer & Fall events at <https://cura.osu.edu/events>

Connect Project Update

Member Miller discussed the progress of the Connect Project, which involves creating a multimodal transportation network that includes walking, biking, and public transit. OSU CURA staff is working with Arizona State and MORPC to develop example projects, with the first case study focusing on access to green spaces in Franklin County. Please see <https://github.com/zephyr-data-specs/GMNS?tab=readme-ov-file>

Discussion: How can the Working Group Support the Connect Project?

Dave proposed that the Working Group weigh in on defining convenient access and identifying marginalized groups for the Connect Project. Members and staff discussed the importance of defining what constitutes convenient access for walking, biking, and transit, considering factors such as travel time and distance. Members suggested identifying marginalized groups and areas to ensure the Connect Project addresses the needs of underserved populations. Member Miller asked the Working Group to consider other accessibility applications, such as access to healthcare and community resources, that could be of interest for future analyses using the multimodal network.

Dave shared information about Placer AI, a company that tracks human movement using cell phone location data. He mentioned that Placer AI has recently updated its analysis to include visits to green spaces, which could provide useful empirical evidence for the Connect Project. Member Miller introduced PSP Net, a technology that can partition images into different objects and provide detailed analysis of the visual environment. He suggested that this technology could be used to analyze the conditions of bike lanes and other facilities in the Connect Project. Members and staff discussed the MORPC Bike Project, which involves using bikes with mounted cameras and mobile computing devices to collect data on the conditions of bike lanes and facilities. The data will be analyzed using AI to identify notable events and conditions.

Members and staff agreed to start brainstorming on defining convenient trips and identifying target populations for the Connect Project. They will continue to refine the technical aspects and discuss how to make the demo applications more realistic and useful.

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 Data for Access & Opportunity Working Group Meeting:
July 16, 2025, 10:00 am
This Meeting will be held remotely; details to follow.**



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Remote Meeting

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Members Present

Harvey Miller, OSU CURA
Julie Mosca, City of Columbus
Aaron Powell, City of Columbus

Staff Present

Dave Dixon
Lynn Kaufman
Yan Liu