NOTICE OF A MEETING
REGIONAL DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
100 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

September 13, 2022, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:05   Welcome – *Chair Brad Ebersole*

1:05 – 1:15   Regional Public Policy Update – *Joe Garrity*

1:10 – 1:30   MORPC Staff Updates
- Data Team – *Adam Porr*
- Regional Information & Data Group Report – *Ethan Hug*
- Mapping Team – *Cheri Mansperger*
- Central Ohio GIS User Group – *Cheri Mansperger*

1:30 – 2:15   Working Group Reports
- Local Government Resources – *Christina Drummond*
- Capacity Building & Partnerships – *Hena Masood*
- Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy – *Gene Oliver & Sam Orth*

2:15 – 2:30   Other Business
- Update of the Regional Data Agenda – *Chair Brad Ebersole*

2:30   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 RDAC Meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 1:00 pm @ MORPC.

September 13, 2022, 1:00 pm

Members Present
Christina Drummond, Educopia
Chair Brad Ebersole, Consolidated Electric
    Cooperative, Inc.
Jay Knox, One Columbus
Bill LaFayette, Regionomics
Hena Masood, The Columbus Foundation

Doug McCollough, City of Dublin
Harvey Miller, OSU CURA
Gene Oliver, City of Worthington
Drew Williams, City of Columbus
Andrew Wilson, City of Hilliard

MORPC Staff Present
Kerstin Carr
Joe Garrity

Ethan Hug
Lynn Kaufman

Cheri Mansperger
Adam Porr

Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 pm.

Welcome
Chair Brad Ebersole welcomed new RDAC Member Jay Knox, of One Columbus, announced that Member Christina Drummond will serve as RDAC Vice-Chair, and that Member Hena Masood will serve as Chair of the Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group.

Regional Public Policy Update
Joe Garrity provided updates on state and federal policy developments. He highlighted the Ohio Association of Regional Councils Candidates Forum, where broadband was a key topic. He discussed federal funding opportunities through ARPA, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the CHIPS Act, and the importance of securing earmarks before the fiscal year ends. Joe also noted the upcoming update to MORPC's Public Policy Agenda and invited participation in the Regional Policy Roundtable.

MORPC Staff Updates
Data Team
Adam Porr presented on forecasting efforts related to Intel's regional impact. The team is modeling population and employment growth using assumptions about direct and indirect job creation. They are consulting with regional partners and benchmarking against similar developments in other regions. The goal is to inform county-level projections for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) without preempting existing planning processes.

Regional Information & Data Group Report
Ethan Hug reported that the last RIDG meeting was canceled but rescheduled for December. The Group plans to host a roundtable with City auditors. RIDG aims to align more closely with RDAC initiatives and serve as an implementation arm for data capacity-building priorities.

Mapping Team

Cheri Mansperger shared updates on the MTP land use model, including data collection on land use, population, and employment. The team is also exploring the use of Esri Urban for planning and visualization. Other projects include mapping for RAPID 5 and a regional bike/pedestrian network. The team is preparing for presentations at the upcoming Ohio GIS Conference, September 20 - 22.

Central Ohio GIS User Group
Cheri recapped discussions from the Esri User Conference and shared updates from the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP), including progress on the statewide parcel initiative and NextGen 911. COGUG is also exploring how to better utilize Esri Urban and improve data sharing among agencies.

Working Group Reports
Local Government Resources
Member Drummond introduced a new SharePoint-based resource library for data governance materials. The platform includes a submission form for users to contribute or request resources. The group is now focused on promoting the tool and expanding its content, potentially through partnerships or student support. The resource was also presented to the MORPC Commission.

Capacity Building & Partnerships – Hena Masood
Member Masood reported on two projects: the rescheduling of the Data Day conference to March (to allow for better planning and participation), and the development of a data resource hub for nonprofits. The latter aims to address disparities in data access and skills among nonprofit organizations. The Group is working with partners to identify needs and build a repository of useful tools and datasets.

Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy
Member Oliver shared updates on the evolving scope of the fiber strategy project. The Working Group is integrating digital equity goals and exploring funding models, including the use of anchor tenants to support design and implementation. Members are planning outreach to cities to refine the concept of anchor tenancy and align with broader broadband and equity initiatives. Dublin and other communities are engaged in parallel efforts and may serve as models or participants. The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27.

Other Business
Update of the Regional Data Agenda
Chair Ebersole initiated the process to update the Regional Data Agenda, noting that the current version was adopted in April 2021. The Committee will form a Working Group to review and revise the Agenda, considering whether a two-year cycle remains appropriate. The update may incorporate new priorities, including those related to Intel's regional impact. There is a need for RDAC Members to serve on the Working Group.

Adjourned at 2:12 pm.