WELCOME!

The Regional Policy Roundtable meeting will begin shortly.

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• **Questions** can be input into the chat function.
REGIONAL POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Ben Collins, Chair
February 23, 2021
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions – Ben Collins, Chair
2. Kirwan Institute Update – Kyle Strickland
3. Transit Funding Update – Aslyne Rodriguez
4. Public Policy Agenda Update – Joe Garrity
5. Legislative Update – Joe Garrity and Steve Tugend
7. OTHER: – OPEN
REGIONAL POLICY ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

BEN COLLINS, CHAIR
MORPC REGIONAL POLICY ROUNDTABLE
MORPC sets public policy goals for 2021-22

Protestors took to the streets of downtown Columbus in the days after the death of George Floyd while in police custody in Minneapolis.

MADDIE MCBRIDEY

By Carrie Ghoff - Staff reporter, Columbus Business First
Jan 21, 2021, 1:06pm EST
TRANSIT FUNDING UPDATE

ASYLYNE RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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Long-term impacts of discriminatory laws and policies

Redlining

Crime & Safety, Health Problems

Foreclosure & Vacancy

Asset Wealth Loss, Dwindling Tax Base

“Million Dollar Blocks”
Infant Mortality, LBW
Asthma
Lead
Diabetes

Disinvestment
Housing Decline
Predatory Lending
Property Value Loss

Racial Wealth Gap
City Services and Maintenance
How do we build more equitable communities?

- Understand the role of systems and policy
- Promote policies that address structural drivers of inequality
- Be both holistic & strategic (Identifying strategic points of change)
- Focus on engagement & local capacity
Equity & Justice

**DIVERSITY ASKS...**

"Who's in the room?"

**EQUITY Responds...**

"Who is trying to get in the room but can't? Whose presence in the room is under constant threat of erasure?"

**INCLUSION ASKS...**

"Has everyone's ideas been heard?"

**JUSTICE Responds...**

"Whose ideas won't be taken as seriously because they aren't in the majority?"

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Dr. Dafina-Lazarus Stewart. Image created by Sheri Atkinson, Ed. D.
Creating a Cycle of Equity

Equitable Outcomes

Racial Healing & Reconciliation

Equitable & Inclusive Structures

Agency & Empowerment
PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA UPDATE

Joseph Garrity
DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES
MID OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
OUR AGENDA

PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA
2021–2022

REGIONAL ADVOCACY FOR CENTRAL OHIO AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS

WHO WE ARE:
The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is a regional council of governments, and a chapter of the American Planning Association, established in 1968 by the State of Ohio to serve the state’s 21 counties. MORPC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose goal is to improve the quality of life for all people who live in the region by working to create vibrant, healthy, and sustainable communities where people can thrive.

WHAT WE DO:
• Serve as a forum for government and community leaders to exchange ideas, participate in decision-making, and develop strategies for addressing regional issues.
• Facilitate the development and implementation of policies and programs that promote economic growth, workforce development, and transportation infrastructure enhancements.
• Provide technical assistance and resources to local governments, businesses, and non-profits to support regional goals.

OUR AGENDA:
MORPC, as a local government association, is unique to Ohio and Central Ohio. The MORPC Vision is to create and foster a vibrant and healthy region in which all people can thrive. We achieve this by providing a forum for government and community leaders to exchange ideas, participate in decision-making, and develop strategies for addressing regional issues. We do this by facilitating the development and implementation of policies and programs that promote economic growth, workforce development, and transportation infrastructure enhancements. We provide technical assistance and resources to local governments, businesses, and non-profits to support regional goals.

COLLABORATE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN FORUMS WITH OTHER PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

GOAL 3: SUSTAINABILITY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LEAD
OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY ACTIVITIES

GOAL 1: REGIONALISM

Portage County is a regional forum for individuals to join forums with other public organizations in order to promote economic development, workforce development, and transportation infrastructure enhancements. We provide technical assistance and resources to local governments, businesses, and non-profits to support regional goals.

GOAL 4: DATA & DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL 5: RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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OTHER BUSINESS

ANYTHING ELSE?
State of the Region
MARCH 31, 2021
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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