

REGIONAL POLICY ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

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- **Next meeting:**
Tuesday, February 23,
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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CHAIR

*MORPC REGIONAL POLICY
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2021-2022 MORPC PUBLIC POLICY GOALS



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GOAL 1: REGIONALISM

Promote regionalism at the local, state, and federal levels of government fostering economic growth, prosperity, efficient use of resources, and a high quality of life for Central Ohio residents.



GOAL 2: TRANSPORTATION

Achieve an advanced, inclusive, and exceptional transportation system that connects Central Ohio's people and products to the world.



GOAL 3: SUSTAINABILITY

Pursue sustainability solutions that protect and conserve our natural resources and promote a diverse supply of clean, affordable, and reliable sources of energy for our growing region.



GOAL 4: DATA & DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Promote effective data policies and the equitable deployment of digital infrastructure that benefit Central Ohio communities.



GOAL 5: RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Raise awareness of racial and social justice issues and work to continually improve communities within our growing region.

OUR AGENDA



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PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

2021-2022

REGIONAL ADVOCACY FOR CENTRAL OHIO AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS



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WHO WE ARE:

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is Central Ohio's regional council for 75 members including counties, cities, villages, townships, and regional organizations. We serve as a resource for local officials as they make decisions about economic growth, development, transportation, energy, and environmental sustainability—ensuring our region remains thriving and competitive while improving social, racial, and economic mobility.

MORPC'S SERVICE AREA



WHAT WE DO:

- Serve as Central Ohio's leadership forum for shared regional interests
- Convene local governments to plan, prioritize, and advance shared investments
- Assist as a regional information hub with demographics, maps, and data
- Provide technical assistance to communities with sustainability shared solutions
- Work alongside community leaders, residents, and partner organizations on public policy

OUR AGENDA:

MORPC and its local government members seek to inform and advance Central Ohio's future prosperity. The 2021-2022 Public Policy Agenda, cities, townships, counties, villages, and regional organizations. The agenda of professionals from local government, the business community, and MORPC's Regional Policy Roundtable, which is chaired by Lancaster Mayor David Scheffler. This collaborative agenda of its members and actions that address economic and environmental

We encourage leaders in Washington and Columbus to work together to advance our shared vision.

To stay up to date on MORPC's government affairs efforts, visit [morpc.org](https://www.morpc.org)

LEAD

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY LEADERS

GOAL 1: REGIONALISM

Promote regionalism at the local, state, and federal levels of government fostering equity, efficient use of resources, and a shared prosperity for all Central Ohio residents

- Advocate for policies and legislation that enhance local government efficiency and collaboration
- Promote and advance local government efforts to improve the quality of life, environment, and economic vitality
- Support federal, state, and local government efforts to enhance the economic vitality of the region
- Work with our regional partners to identify significant projects and opportunities to benefit Central Ohio
- Promote policies, practices, and funding to ensure our region's transportation, broadband, water, and environmental infrastructure are well-maintained, equitable, affordable, accessible to all, and resilient
- Encourage legislation that provides all local governments the ability to hold public meetings virtually to use new forms of technology for communications, official notices, contracts, and business
- Support federal, state, and local government efforts to ensure local governments are better prepared for the COVID-19 pandemic
- Oppose legislation that withdraws local government funds from any local government

GOAL 2: TRANSPORTATION

Advocate for advanced, efficient, safe, and exceptional transportation systems that Ohio's people and products use to thrive

- Seek additional revenue mechanisms for transportation at the local, state, and federal levels
- Promote state and federal support and integration of transportation and land planning agencies to ensure consistency and funding
- Advocate the importance of the public transit industry in Central Ohio and support investments in the American Transit and Transit Center, including transit-oriented development and other transit facilities
- Support funding and policies that encourage improved transportation safety and security and address the local, state, and federal issues
- Support the use of Transportation Improvement Districts (TID) in Central Ohio that provide a more efficient way to fund transportation projects and encourage state and federal funding
- Advocate for an advanced and equitable, multimodal transportation system that improves a more efficient and efficient public and private transportation choices to connect to regional, national, and global markets
- Promote policies and funding to improve quality of life through expanded transportation options and infrastructure in rural, suburban, and urban areas
- Promote policies and funding to enhance the Central Ohio Government's efforts to develop a more resilient and safe region
- Support efforts that leverage State of Ohio, MORPC's Shared Regional Tax Fund, and the 20-Year Mobility Outlook, and advocate for regional policies that ensure Central Ohio communities for additional transit infrastructure and innovative technology investment
- Advocate for policies and funding that support the study and development of rail, transit, transportation, passenger rail, and passenger and freight, and encourage the continued collaboration among MORPC's member counties along the Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh corridor
- Support a robust infrastructure program that addresses current obligations and our region's future mobility needs

COLLABORATE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORPC TO FORM COALITIONS WITH LIKE-MINDED ORGANIZATIONS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GOAL 3: SUSTAINABILITY

Pursue sustainability solutions that protect and conserve our natural resources and promote a diverse supply of clean, affordable, and reliable sources of energy for our growing region

- Advocate and expand the integration of energy efficiency, weatherization, and renewable energy for a healthier, more resilient, and cost-effective energy portfolio
- Advocate for innovative strategies and funding for public and private partners to achieve and maintain attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, while decreasing air pollution exposure for Central Ohio residents
- Advocate for policies, innovative strategies, and funding to enhance and protect the quality and quantity of our water resources, including surface and groundwater resources, and protect and encourage economic activities in our growing region
- Advocate locally sourced energy, agriculture, forestry, and innovation that support economic growth, equity, resiliency, and higher quality of life
- Support and advocate for policies and funding for a timely cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields and/or vacant, blighted, or abandoned land, and historic buildings in order to revitalize communities
- Assist in the rapid development of an advanced transportation network, inclusive of electric and alternative fuel vehicles and their infrastructure, to provide connectivity throughout the region's rural and urban communities
- Promote funding and policies to help protect existing and secure new parks, wetlands, trails, prime agricultural land, and green spaces

GOAL 4: DATA & DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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- Promote funding and policies that keep Central Ohio at the forefront of data and technology innovation
- Encourage the adoption of data governance policies at the federal, state, and local levels that promote open data and standardization, while protecting the security of private, personal, and otherwise sensitive information
- Support the ability of local governments to fund, manage, and maintain digital assets and infrastructure
- Support planning and development for secure, reliable, and affordable broadband in every home, business, school, and service provider within the region
- Encourage implementation of data sharing and analysis that result in data-driven decisions and collaboration with local government, regional partners, and federal and state agencies

GOAL 5: RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Raise awareness of racial and social justice issues and work to continually improve communities within our growing region

- Advocate for policies that declare racism as a public health crisis
- Support public health and safety systems that protect residents of all backgrounds
- Support equitable development and affordable housing in our growing region
- Increase access to job opportunities, broadband, resources, affordable housing, health systems, and connected green spaces for marginalized communities
- Support policies that work to eliminate racial and social disparities in our growing region
- Encourage the development of universal design policies and universal communication that support living and inclusive age-friendly communities

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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FEDERAL & STATE UPDATE

- COVID-19 Relief
- Infrastructure
- Broadband
- Transportation Budget

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STEVE TUGEND

*DIRECTOR & CHAIR OF
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
PRACTICE*

*KEGLER BROWN HILL +
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STATE & DEFENSE UPDATE

- Quick Energy Update
- Operating Budget
- Central Ohio Defense Group Update

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