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**NOTICE OF A MEETING
CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS BOARD
OPERATIONS & ACCESS WORKING GROUP
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

REMOTE MEETING

July 12, 2021, 2:00 pm

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Easton Trail Towns**
- 3. COG Forum – August 25**
- 4. Winter Maintenance**
- 5. Outreach Checklist**
- 6. Other Business / Next Steps**
- 7. Adjourn**

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or LKaufman@morpc.org if you have questions or if you require special assistance for this meeting.

**The next meeting of the Central Ohio Greenways
Operations & Access Working Group
will be September 13, 2021, 2:00 pm.
Location to be determined.**

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Easton Trail Town Project



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Project Scope and Deliverables

Guidebook for implementing Trail Town practices at Easton

- Partnerships
- Assessment and Research
- Connecting to the Trail
- Development
- Marketing

Other Marketing Deliverables

- Passport program toolkit
- Toolkit for a tactical urbanism event



Trail Connection



Improving the physical connection to the Alum Creek Trail

- Crossing improvements
- Safety on Sunbury Road
- Establishing a trailhead



Equity

Equity will be integrated throughout the guidebook

- Partnerships
 - Working with a diverse range of partners
- Assessment and Research
 - Evaluate existing conditions in Easton and surrounding neighborhoods
- Connecting to the Trail
 - Infrastructure and cultural connections will focus on both Easton's visitors and neighborhoods surrounding Easton and will help to accommodate more users
- Development
 - Will include recommendations for equitable future development and benchmarks to evaluate success of the Trail Town project
- Marketing
 - Marketing and outreach recommendations will focus on ways to reach new trail users and the surrounding community



Diversity

Diversity is the practice of including individuals from various backgrounds, ethnic groups, sexual orientation, gender, and/or religion. By having diverse qualities to assist with a project/organization/mission, various perspectives can emerge due to the knowledge and experience one may have. When speaking of diversity, think about including communities that have not been able to assist in some fashion as history has shown (women, African American communities, LGBTQ+ communities, indigenous communities, etc.).

- What is your OWN definition of diversity? What do you view diversity as?
 - What does diversity mean for your intended project?
 - How is your project or initiative providing inclusivity for diverse and communities of color?
 - Are you trying to ensure diverse voices are being apart of the implementation efforts?
 - Are all voices being paid equitably?
 - What organizations have you reached out to in order to carry out efforts that reach diverse audiences?
 - What efforts am I moving forward to help create relations **with** and not for diverse communities?
 - Does the mission of my project disproportionately effect communities of color or other marginalized communities?
 - Gentrification has been spotted in various parts within Columbus, OH and on a nationwide level. Is the project that you are working towards exasperating gentrification in communities.
 - What minority-focused organizations, consultants, and groups have been contacted about the establishment/progression of the intended project? (communities that may be at risk or disproportioned, minority focused consulting firms, YMCAs, churches, etc.).
 - Have surveys or any research initiatives been established to monitor progress in areas within equity, environment, and economic stances, especially within marginalized communities?
 - What strategies are in place within the given project that aim to help the community in economic, environmental, and equitable developments?
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- Why am I so afraid to be brave enough to confront my power and privilege?
 - Are there any fears that are prevented project sponsors from confronting power and privilege that may exist within project leadership?
 - What am I waiting for to de-center whiteness and realize just because I have never experienced it (or seen the research to prove it) doesn't mean it isn't real?