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NOTICE OF A MEETING
REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA SUBCOMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REMOTE MEETING

January 27, 2020, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:05 pm	**Welcome –** *Justin Milam, Chair and Alex Slaymaker, Vice Chair*
1:05 – 1:10 pm	**Project Status and 2021 Work Plan –** *Justin Milam and Brandi Whetstone, MORPC*
1:10 – 1:25 pm	**Equity Resource Document –** *Dr. Jason Reece*, *Consultant*
1:25 – 2:15 pm	**Strategies: Review Major Themes From Survey Responses –** *Brandi Whetstone, MORPC*
2:15 – 2:25 pm	**Approach for Metrics, Data, and Setting Targets –** *Brandi Whetstone, MORPC*
2:25 – 2:30 pm	**Next Steps –** *Alex Slaymaker*
2:30 pm	**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 Regional Sustainability Agenda Sub-committee Meeting will be on February 24, 2021, 10:00 am
This may be a remote meeting. Details will follow.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Chair

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Vice Chair

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Regional Sustainability Agenda Sub-committee

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PROJECT STATUS

Progress since December:

- Presented draft goals and objectives to sub-committee, SAC, and Sustainable2050 for review.

- Input reflected in current version. Examples include:
  - Drafted 4th goal related to sustainable economy
  - Education and outreach strategies
  - Combined similar/like objectives

- Proposed strategies for consideration
  - Several were included from previous input
  - Equity focused strategies for each goal/objective

EQUITY RESOURCE DOCUMENT
DR. JASON REECE

STRATEGIES

Considerations for RSA strategies:

- Alignment with many existing MORPC plans and programs.

- Includes existing strategies members have been working toward combined with new.

- Primarily focused with local governments and associate members in mind. Strategies define the activities eligible for Sustainable2050 certification.

- Goal to include an equity-focused strategy for each objective.

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5. Reduce per capita and total greenhouse gas emissions.	Rationale – get members to start measuring emissions, data-driven approach. -Propose combining b. and c.: Create and/or implement an action plan <u>that includes goal-setting, targets, and strategies for meeting goals.</u> -New strategy for c. – Conduct inclusive stakeholder and public engagement <u>to identify equitable climate solutions </u>that meet the needs of diverse populations.

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1. Implement waste reduction and diversion practices in all government and public facilities.

2. Support the procurement of recycled content goods to support the circular economy - included in strategy under goal 4.

3. Develop policies that require new commercial construction projects to allocate space for recycling collection containers and to submit basic plans for achieving waste reduction and diversion goals.

4. Develop a Community Materials Management Plan to set waste reduction and diversion goals and identify gaps, needs, and opportunities for improvement.

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4. Increase the acreage of protected natural areas.	a. Clean Ohio program – Statewide funding program for green space preservation. -Want to encourage applications to the program to fund preservation activities, and for members to promote it as a valuable preservation tool (support for continued state funding) b. example - Franklin County combined charitable campaign and workplace giving program.

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8. Reduce environmental hazards that pose risks to public health and safety.	Proposed revision b. Encourage lead testing and educational programs in underserved communities and phase out lead pipes.

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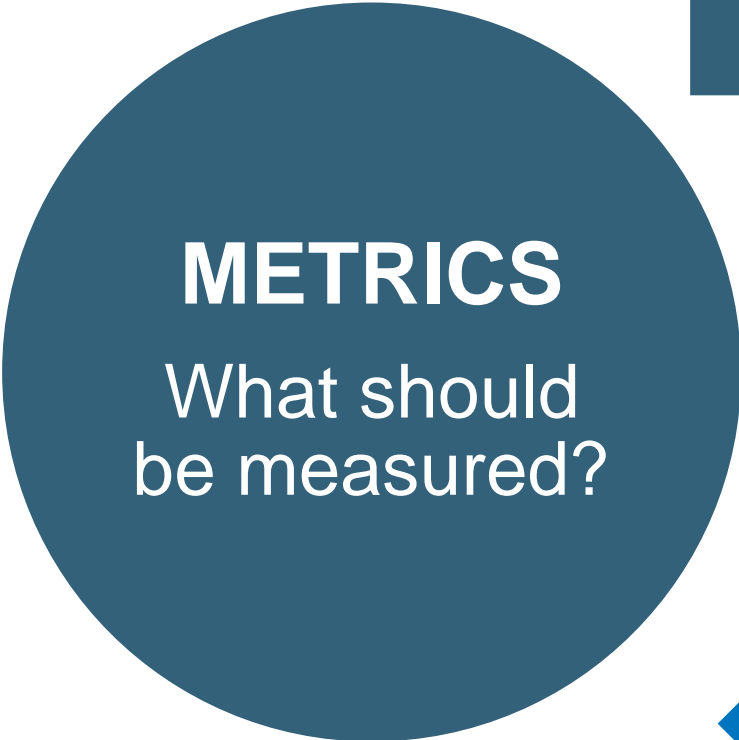| Objectives	Strategy Responses
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3. Advance tools and regulations that support sustainable economic development, redevelopment, and reinvestment in Central Ohio neighborhoods.	Proposed revision b. Remove barriers in the permitting process for green buildings, including LEED and WELL certified, and green practices such as installation of green roofs. **Proposed new strategy** **Retrofit and preserve existing buildings, housing, and structures wherever possible**.

IDENTIFYING METRICS & DATA SOURCES

METRICS
What should be measured?

DATA SOURCES
What can be measured?

PROCESS FOR METRIC & DATA SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

PROPOSED METRICS IN FEBRUARY

WHAT WE'LL NEED FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE

ARE THE METRICS:
- **RELEVANT**
- **MEANINGFUL**
- **INTELLIGIBLE**

ARE THE METRICS / DATA SOURCES:
- **CONSISTENT**
- **COMPARABLE**
- **TIMELY**
- **STATISTICALLY SOUND**
- **SENSITIVE**

2021 WORK PLAN AND NEXT STEPS

February:
- Review/finalize Equity Resource Document
- Begin stakeholder input process: Feb. – March
  - Reach out to key stakeholder groups with survey
  - Invite stakeholders to informational presentation late Feb./early March
- February 24 Sub-committee meeting – focus on data, metrics, and methodology

March:
- Wrap up stakeholder input process
- March 30 sub-committee meeting wrap up/finalize

April:
- Early April- final clean up and share with SAC members
- April 17th SAC meeting – present for adoption

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