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

REMOTE MEETING

December 17, 2020, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

AGENDA

- 1:00 – 1:05 pm** **Welcome** – *Justin Milam, Chair*
- 1:05 – 1:20 pm** **November Workshop Summary & Equity Considerations** – *Jason Reece, Consultant, and Brandi Whetstone, MORPC*
- 1:20 – 2:10 pm** **Review Draft Goals and Objectives** – *Brandi Whetstone, MORPC*
- Latest round of revisions and rationale
 - Items for further clarification and discussion
- 2:10 – 2:20 pm** **Stakeholder Input Plans** – *Justin Milam, Chair*
- MORPC committees and boards
 - Regional stakeholders representing diverse interests
 - Rural members
- 2:20– 2:30 pm** **Proposed Next Steps** – *Brandi Whetstone, MORPC*
- Sub-committee provide additional input to consider in next round of revisions (*input due Jan. 6*)
 - Seek input from stakeholders (*mid-Jan. to mid-Feb.*).
 - Begin internal review of metrics and data for tracking (*Jan.*)
 - Jan. 27 sub-committee meeting – Discuss strategies/activities that support objectives, and discuss data and metrics.
- 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 January 27, 2021, 1:00 pm
This may be a remote meeting. Details will follow.**

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Regional Sustainability Agenda Sub-committee

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BASIC STRUCTURE



Vision and Principles:

The MORPC Regional Sustainability Agenda serves as the region's guidance to help position Central Ohio and its local communities as **national leaders in sustainability through creative partnerships, enabling innovative solutions and flexible processes** and aligns MORPC's services to bring value, best practices, and collaboration to local government members.

The agenda's main goals are for the region to protect and enhance its **natural resources**, promote **efficient energy usage** and **clean energy sources**, advance **prosperity**, and create **sustainable neighborhoods** for all.

Each goal and objective will be **data-driven** and guided by underlying principles related to **resiliency, equity and diversity, public health and well-being, and collaboration**, ensuring sustainable impacts reach all communities within our region, providing prosperity for all.

Goals:

The goals are informed by the vision and principles.

1. Improve air quality to protect public health and reduce energy consumption and emissions to reduce the impacts of climate change.
2. Protect and preserve natural resources to support healthy and resilient communities and ecosystems.
3. Create sustainable and equitable communities to improve quality of life for all residents.



PROPOSED GOAL 1: Improve air quality to protect public health and reduce energy consumption and emissions to reduce the impacts of climate change.

- Improves air quality
- Protects public health
- Mitigates climate change
- Economic competitiveness
- Ensure equity in underserved communities first

1. Reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled (modified)

2. Increase the percentage of commuters using sustainable modes of transportation (modified)

3. Increase the percentage of vehicles using alternative fuels

4. Increase the number of alternative fuel stations

5. Increase the miles of low stress streets to encourage biking and walking. (NEW)

6. Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors

7. Increase the number of local renewable energy projects

8. Reduce emissions to meet federal air quality standards for ozone and particle pollution (modified)

9. Track and reduce per capita and total greenhouse gas emissions (NEW)

PROPOSED GOAL 1:

(Option 1) Improve air quality to protect public health and reduce energy consumption and emissions to reduce the impacts of climate change.

OR

(Option 2) Protect public health by reducing emissions and energy consumption.

THOUGHTS?

PROPOSED GOAL 2: Protect and preserve natural resources to support healthy and resilient communities and ecosystems.



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- Environmental quality
- Quality of life

1. Increase waste prevention and diversion activities to reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill (modified)

2. Reduce per capita water consumption

3. Improve water quality in the Upper Scioto Watershed

4. Increase the amount of green space, AND/OR, increase regional tree canopy cover (NEW)

5. Increase the use of green stormwater infrastructure utilizing natural systems to reduce polluted runoff, soil erosion, and flooding. (NEW)

Input from SAC meeting:

- Include consideration for ecosystem services (example – pollinator habitat)
- Address local government policies to better align with the goals and objectives

PROPOSED GOAL 3: Create sustainable and equitable communities to improve quality of life for all residents.



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- Quality of life
- Economic competitiveness
- Improved access to opportunities
- Equity in underserved communities first

1. Improve the safety of the central Ohio road network for all users (modified)

2. Prioritize infrastructure development which supports multi-modal transportation options for all users (NEW)

3. Reduce household energy consumption to increase energy affordability (NEW)

4. Increase access to the Central Ohio Greenways Network (or Regional Trails System) (NEW)

5. Increase access to green space and/or parks (NEW)

6. Increase supply and types of housing at all price points, **OR, Reduce the number of housing & transportation cost-burdened households by increasing the availability of housing options near transit and job centers** (NEW)

7. Maximize infill and redevelopment along existing infrastructure (modified)

8. Reduce environmental hazards and unsafe land uses that pose health risks to neighborhoods (NEW)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS



1. Integrating economic opportunity and attractiveness into sustainability framework—
 - Recommendation from SAC that we integrate this into the existing framework, rather than add a separate goal.
 - Suggestions?

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2. Is it important to add an education and outreach goal?

Example: Increase education and outreach initiatives to promote and advance sustainable solutions.

- Feedback from SAC - so much of the work depends on education and behavior change.
- What activities can support this and how do we measure the progress?

NEXT STEPS

December:

- Sub-committee input on draft by Jan. 6 - watch for email.

January:

- Add strategies.
- Evaluate and identify appropriate data and metrics
- Review and finalize equity resource document.
- Stakeholder outreach (mid-Jan. – mid Feb.)

February/March:

- Continue to identify appropriate data and metrics.
- Review strategies and include remaining changes by end of March

April:

- SAC votes April 21st meeting.



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