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MORPC IN THE NEWS

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SUSTAINABILITY

1. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
   Columbus Officials Stress Planning As Region Preps For Population, Data Center Boom
   The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is currently focusing its environmental efforts on central Ohio's water supply, the organization's leader told The Dispatch. (10/1/25)

2. **THE DELAWARE GAZETTE**
   MORPC Hosts Summit on Sustainability
   The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) welcomed nearly 600 attendees to the Hilton Columbus Downtown for the 2025 Summit on Sustainability, the annual signature environmental conference. (10/4/25)

3. **WCBE**
   From Survey to Shovel: Let's Get Real About Regional Priorities
   What do Central Ohio residents want from the region's economic development leaders? (10/7/25)

4. **LANCASTER EAGLE-GAZETTE**
   Fairfield County Commissioner Wins Mobility Leadership Award
   Fairfield County Commissioner Steve Davis was honored with the Leadership in Mobility Award at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Annual Summit on Sustainability. (10/9/25)

5. **OHIO PUBLIC RADIO**
   As Data Centers Boom In Ohio, Local Communities Are Watching
   A year's worth of Marysville's water laps in a reservoir north of the city. Public service director Jeremy Hoyt said the water level normally sits above the dock, which now sits exposed to the sun. (10/9/25)

TRANSPORTATION

6. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
   MORPC, Rail Partners Commit $650,000 Toward Chicago To Columbus Train Route
   The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and its out-of-state rail partners are committing $650,000 to a Chicago-Fort Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh passenger rail line, MORPC announced on Oct. 14. (10/15/25)

7. **COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND**
   Local Government Funding Lined Up for Chicago-to-Columbus Passenger Rail
   The wheels are still moving on a plan to connect Chicago, Columbus, Pittsburgh and lots of smaller cities in between via passenger rail. (10/15/25)

8. **WOSU-AM**
   Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh Passenger Rail Line Moves Closer to Federal Government Planning
   One of the several passenger rail lines being floated for Ohio is picking up steam. (10/15/25)

9. **ALL ABOARD OHIO**
   Momentum Builds: Midwest Connect Rail Project Secures Funding For Next Step
   Funding for the state match of the Midwest Connect step 2 planning has been secured through a partnership between Indiana and Ohio communities. A total $650,000 has been secured for the route which runs from Chicago, Ft. Wayne, Lima, Columbus, and Pittsburgh. (10/15/25)

10. **WCMH-TV**
    Central Ohio Passenger Rail Proposal Takes Next Steps
    Columbus is the largest city in the Midwest without a major rail system, but a new investment change that. (10/16/25)

11. **UNION COUNTY DAILY DIGITAL**
    Midwest Connect Project Gains Steam With New Local Funding
    The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, along with the City of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission are committing $650,000 in local funds toward the development of a passenger rail corridor that would connect Chicago and Pittsburgh via stops in Columbus, Ohio, and Ft. Wayne. (10/16/25)

12. **BUSINESS FIRST OF CENTRAL OHIO**
    Midwest Connect Amtrak Route Connecting Pittsburgh, Columbus, Chicago Clears Key Funding Hurdle
    One of the proposed Amtrak routes that goes through Columbus has the local funding it needs to move forward in the federal planning process. (10/16/25)

13. **SPECTRUM NEWS**
    Central Ohio Commission, Other Communities Commit $650K to Midwest Rail Project
    Multiple cities and commissions, including the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, is committing $650,000 in local funds to help develop a passenger rail corridor that would connect several Midwest cities together, according to a press release from MORPC. (10/16/25)

14. **ALL ABOARD OHIO**
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15. **THE TRAVEL**
    Amtrak's Proposed "Midwest Connect" Route Attracts Massive Investments, But The Public Isn't Sold
    Nearly 50 years after Amtrak ended its service in Central Ohio, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) recently proposed a new Amtrak route, the "Midwest Connect", that would link four major cities together. (10/26/25)

TRICK OR TREAT

16. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
    What's Up With That Why Isn't Trick of Treat always on Halloween
    This week's What's Up With That? is a personal one, as it's a query I've had since I moved to Columbus nearly seven years ago. What's the origin of central Ohio's complex (to outsiders) tradition of holding trick or treating (or Beggars Night, as some call it) on nights other than Oct. 31? (10/20/25)

17. **WCMH-TV**
    Central Ohio Communities Adjust Trick-or-Treat Dates Due To Rain
    Between a rainy forecast later this week and high school sports games, some central Ohio municipalities are adjusting their trick-or-treat schedules. (10/28/25)

18. **WCMH-TV**
    Who Decides When Trick or Treating Takes Place?
    Families in central Ohio are donning costumes and getting candy ready as trick-or-treat will be held on Thursday. (10/29/25)

19. **THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**
    Get Ready For Some Soggy Trick or Treaters. Despite Rain, Central Ohio Sticks to Halloween Plan

Many in central Ohio woke up to rain Thursday morning— and with more expected this evening, trick-or-treat plans could get soggy. (10/30/25)