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NOTICE OF A MEETING

REGIONAL DATA ROUNDTABLE MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

IN-PERSON MEETING
July 14, 2026, 1:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions –** *Robyn Stewart, Chair*

2. **Legislative Update –** *Joe Garrity*

3. **MORPC Updates –** *William Murdock / Jessica Kuenzli*
   - STEPZ Event for Planning Professionals, July 29
   - Ohio Association of Regional Councils Candidates Forum, July 31
   - Economic Development Academy / Negotiation of Incentives, August 4
   - Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Meeting, August 12
   - Social Media Summit, August 19
   - Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) Meeting, August 26
   - Data Day Champions – Invitation and Informational Materials (*coming soon*)

4. **Member & Sector Updates –** *Group*

5. **Discussion of Minimum Viable Data Asset Management to Support Organizational Compliance, Security, and Efficiency –** *Group*
   - Records retention
   - Cybersecurity
   - Operational efficiency

6. **Review and Recommendation of Draft 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda –** *Robyn Stewart / Dave Dixon*

7. **Working Group / User Group Output Information Sharing**
   - Data for Access & Opportunity Working Group – *Dave Dixon* / *Harvey Miller / Karyn Kerdolff*
     What other uses might you have for multi-modal modeling to support your work?

   - Regional Information & Data User Working Group – *Ethan Hug*
     Staff are always looking for topic suggestions or volunteers for content.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Ben Kessler
Chair

Laurie Jadwin
Vice Chair

Matthew Starr
Secretary

8. **Other Business**

9. **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 Data Roundtable Meeting will be
October 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

In-Person Meeting

Regional Data Roundtable
Meeting Notes

July 14, 2026

Members Present
- Brandon Brown, City of Dublin
- Christina Drummond
- Ayaz Hyder, Smart Columbus
- Jay Knox, One Columbus
- Bill LaFayette, Regionomics
- Harvey Miller, OSU CURA
- Chair Robyn Stewart, City of Worthington
- Andrew Williams, City of Columbus

Public Present
- Jane Haines, EBP
- Karyn Kerdolff, OSU CURA
- Curtis Nutter, City of Whitehall
- Jamie Polzin, City of Columbus

MORPC Staff Present
- Dave Dixon
- Matika Fields
- Joe Garrity
- Ethan Hug
- Jordan Inskeep
- Lynn Kaufman
- Jessica Kuenzli
- Yan Liu
- Cheri Mansperger
- William Murdock
- Adam Porr

Meeting Called to Order at 1:03 pm.

Welcome and Introductions
Chair Stewart called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Participants introduced themselves and their organizations. Chair Stewart also recognized the departure of Member Andrew Wilson from the City of Hilliard and thanked him for his contributions and engagement with the Regional Data Roundtable over the past several years.

Legislative Update
Joe Garrity provided updates on major state and federal legislative issues affecting the region. He reported that House Bill 646, originally introduced to study data center impacts, has evolved into substantive legislation establishing data centers as a separate Public Utilities Commission of Ohio rate class, applying requirements for facilities with peak demand exceeding 250 megawatts, and limiting certain tax exemptions. He explained that the legislation is currently under review by a bicameral committee and is expected to continue advancing following the November election and subsequent legislative session.

Joe also highlighted the enactment of the largest affordable housing legislation in more than thirty years. He noted that the bill creates new funding opportunities for modular housing, planning activities, and housing development initiatives that could benefit Central Ohio communities. At the federal level, he discussed the approaching September 30, 2026, deadline for transportation reauthorization under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. He indicated that congressional action is likely to continue beyond the deadline due to delays in the legislative process. Finally, he provided an update on MORPC's Regional Policy Roundtable and encouraged Members to participate in upcoming surveys and policy development activities that support regional advocacy efforts.

MORPC Updates
William Murdock emphasized the importance of the Regional Data Roundtable and its role as a key advisory body informing MORPC's regional data strategy, policy advocacy, and working group activities. He thanked Members for their continued leadership and participation and noted that the draft Regional Data Agenda under consideration would directly influence future organizational priorities.

William also discussed recent air quality alerts issued across Central Ohio. He explained how MORPC works with the National Weather Service to notify residents when air quality reaches levels that may affect public health, particularly individuals with respiratory conditions. He highlighted MORPC's network of localized air quality sensors and publicly accessible data streams, which provide neighborhood-level monitoring and support environmental justice initiatives.

Jessica Kuenzli shared information on upcoming MORPC programs and events. She announced the Strategic Training for Effective Planning and Zoning (STEPZ) workshop scheduled for July 29, which will cover planning and zoning topics such as accessory dwelling units, data centers, ethics, and legal issues. She also promoted the Regional Economic Development Academy beginning August 4, the Regional Information and Data Group meeting on August 12 focused on housing and duplex development, the Social Media Summit on August 19, and the Central Ohio GIS User Group meeting on August 26. She additionally informed Members about upcoming outreach related to Data Day Champions and explained that related coordination would occur through email and social media channels.

Member & Sector Updates
Member Hyder reported that the MARCIE Community Information Exchange platform is now operational with county 911 services and is functioning smoothly. He described recent coordination efforts with Columbus Public Health and community organizations to ensure resource information was updated during regional heat alerts. He also announced an upcoming demonstration of the public-facing MARCIE resource search tool for county officials and other stakeholders.

Member LaFayette announced the release of his 25-year projection of human needs in Central Ohio and noted that a presentation discussing the report had been published through the Columbus Metropolitan Club.

No additional Member updates were provided.

Discussion of Minimum Viable Data Asset Management to Support Organizational Compliance, Security, and Efficiency
Dave Dixon introduced a discussion regarding minimum viable data asset management practices and their relationship to cybersecurity, privacy, public records retention, and organizational efficiency. He explained that previous discussions had identified a need to focus on practical and scalable approaches that organizations of different sizes and capacities could adopt.

Member Drummond emphasized that cybersecurity, records management, and data governance are highly specialized disciplines requiring significant expertise. She noted the value of professional certifications and suggested the region consider raising awareness of

industry-recognized data management standards and credentials. She also cautioned against creating overly simplistic requirements that fail to address organizational complexity.

Dave acknowledged the wide range of organizational capacities represented within the Roundtable, including small nonprofits, local governments, higher education institutions, and regional agencies. He suggested that practical checklists or basic first-step frameworks could help organizations begin addressing data asset management challenges.

Member Knox stated that smaller organizations often struggle with determining where to begin and would benefit from simple tools, checklists, and guidance that identify appropriate stakeholders and starting points. Member Hyder suggested that pilot projects demonstrating the value of standardized data practices could help elevate the importance of data management across organizations.

Members discussed the potential value of data maturity assessments, scalable frameworks, data inventories, and baseline evaluations. Ethan Hug described data maturity as a broader concept encompassing many of the issues under discussion and recommended exploring maturity assessment tools that help organizations measure progress and identify gaps.

Several Members referenced existing frameworks and resources, including the Data Management Association body of knowledge, cybersecurity frameworks developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Smart Columbus data governance resources, and nonprofit data-sharing assessments. Participants agreed that scalable approaches could support organizations ranging from small nonprofits to large public institutions.

Member Brown encouraged the group to focus on practical outcomes and suggested beginning with basic awareness activities, inventories, and simple governance practices rather than attempting to establish comprehensive standards immediately. He emphasized that organizations should first understand what data assets they possess, where data is stored, who owns it, and how it moves throughout systems.

Following extensive discussion, Dave proposed a meeting of interested participants to meet between Roundtable sessions to explore possible next steps. Proposed activities included developing checklists, identifying certification opportunities, facilitating peer exchanges, and advancing conversations about regional data maturity. Chair Stewart noted that future efforts should align with priorities established in the Regional Data Agenda.

Review and Recommendation of Draft 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda
Chair Stewart introduced the final review of the Draft 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda and explained that the document had undergone multiple rounds of Working Group review, Member feedback, and revisions. Dave summarized the process used to collect and incorporate comments from Members and stakeholders.

Dave highlighted one notable revision that explicitly connected regional data activities to outcomes affecting public health and safety. He reviewed the agenda's four focus areas: Transportation and Mobility, Housing and Community Development, Infrastructure and Economic Development, and Energy and Sustainability.

Members discussed the overlap between focus areas and the broad interpretation of infrastructure, including transportation systems, utilities, workforce development, housing, and

childcare. Participants generally agreed that the categories were appropriately connected while acknowledging the importance of maintaining clarity when assigning future work activities.

The group then reviewed the four action pillars: Promote Reliable and Trusted Data, Expand Education and Outreach, Bolster Project and Program Support, and Increase Representation and Connection. During discussion, Members identified terminology inconsistencies involving the use of the words "companies" and "businesses." The group agreed to standardize terminology by replacing references to "companies" with "businesses" before submission to the Commission.

Following discussion, Member Miller moved to send the Draft 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda with the agreed terminology revisions to Commission for approval. Member Hyder seconded the motion; motion passed.

Working Group / User Group Output Information Sharing

Data for Access & Opportunity Working Group

Dave introduced a presentation on the CONNECT Project, a collaboration between MORPC and The Ohio State University focused on demonstrating open-source multimodal transportation modeling tools.

Member Miller described the General Modeling Network Specification Plus (GMNS+) platform, an open-source multimodal transportation modeling standard that integrates driving, walking, bicycling, transit, and micromobility into a unified, routable network. He explained that the project seeks to improve transportation accessibility analysis and provide planning organizations with alternatives to proprietary modeling tools.

The pilot project examined multimodal access to green spaces and parks throughout Franklin County, with particular attention to environmental justice traffic analysis zones. Member Miller presented results demonstrating that combining bicycling and transit significantly increases access to parks compared with walking alone. Analysis also found that environmental justice neighborhoods generally benefit from shorter travel times due to their central location within the region.

The project further examined bicycling access using MORPC's level-of-traffic-stress classifications. Results showed that eliminating routes requiring expert cyclist comfort levels substantially reduced accessibility. However, access improved considerably when bicycling was combined with public transit, demonstrating transit's role in overcoming barriers created by high-stress roadways.

Members discussed opportunities for future applications, including tools that could help residents identify transportation options based on personal preferences and constraints. Member Hyder suggested that accessibility information could be integrated into community service systems serving low-income populations. Additional discussion focused on bicycle parking, transit schedules, accessibility gaps, bicycle network connectivity, and opportunities to analyze bicycle islands and connecting corridors.

Member Miller reported that the project team is continuing analysis, preparing documentation, and developing resources intended to help additional metropolitan planning organizations adopt the tools and methodologies.

Regional Information & Data User Working Group
Ethan reported that the Regional Information and Data User Group remains open to presentation and topic suggestions from Members. He encouraged anyone interested in sharing projects or leading discussions to contact MORPC staff.

Other Business
Dave highlighted several recently released reports and resources that may be useful to Members. These included the Human Needs Assessment, the Twin Goals report developed by housing stakeholders, the Franklin County Housing Action Plan and associated performance dashboard, and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's Central Ohio Housing Needs Assessment. He encouraged Members to review the reports for insights into housing, demographics, economic trends, and regional performance measures.

Adjourned at 2:32 pm.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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STEPZ WORKSHOP

Strategic Training For Effective Planning & Zoning

July 29, 2026 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MORPC TOWN HALL

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MORPC's 2026 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

WHAT: Five (5) training workshops on **economic and community development planning** topics. Tailored to meet Central Ohio's needs.

WHEN: Classes begin August 4. **REGISTER TODAY!**

WHERE: In-person at MORPC (111 Liberty Street, Columbus 43215)

WHY: Technical knowledge, practical takeaways, networking

AUDIENCE: Public officials, School Board members, Township Trustees, Public-sector staff, Community leaders & Planners, Economic Devt professionals.

For more information, contact Padmini Roy-Dixon, proydixon@morpc.org

RIDG Quarter 3

August 12, 2026 | 2:30-4:00pm
111 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215



Carlie Boos
Executive Director

Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio



Jacob Strang
Policy Analyst

Scioto Analysis

A new report conducted by **Scioto Analysis** and the **Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio** finds that *Central Ohio residents who choose duplex homeownership can earn or save nearly $1.3 million over their lives*, making this traditional housing style a powerful pathway for financial freedom. This session will provide a comprehensive overview of the results, including the secondary role that "missing middle" housing can play in planning for a sustainable retirement, lowering the cost of higher education, and promoting economic development and workforce readiness. Attendees will also explore a parallel mapping project that assesses Central Ohio's duplex landscape and a community action plan developed by external stakeholders to close preparedness gaps.

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SOCIAL MEDIA SUMMIT 2026

August 19, 2026 | MORPC Office
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM



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FOCUS AREAS

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Housing & Community Development – Leverage data to support local and regional efforts to provide increased housing availability and affordability, transit-oriented development, and more walkable neighborhoods.

Energy & Sustainability – Leverage data to support local and regional efforts to protect the environment, conserve natural resources, and expand sustainable energy generation.

Infrastructure & Economic Development – Leverage data to support local and regional efforts to provide additional workforce housing, additional quality jobs, and more affordable childcare.

ACTION PILLARS

1. Promote Reliable & Trusted Data – Build trust in data and systems to engender greater data use and investment.

2. Expand Education & Outreach – Continually educate to foster advancements in data practices and public information dissemination.

3. Bolster Project & Program Support – Provide support and funding to scale or sustain new or novel data-driven initiatives.

4. Increase Digital Representation& Connection – Improve representation of marginalized groups and their interests within public data to improve government services and increase civic participation.

Pillar 1: Promote Reliable & Trusted Data

Support regional planning and innovation by highlighting data sets, standards, and policies that instill confidence across Central Ohio's stakeholders and sectors.

- **Process Transparency**
- **Bias Reduction**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **Data Controls**

Pillar 2: Expand Education & Outreach

Enhance data utilization by local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded businesses and companies to inform decision making, strategy development and storytelling by providing and promoting learning opportunities focused on data availability, technical capacity, and subject matter expertise.

- **Signature Events**
- **User Groups & Working Groups**
- **Community & Stakeholder Surveys**
- **Ad Hoc Learning Opportunities**

Pillar 3: Support Projects & Programs

Help local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded companies initiate, scale, and embed new or novel data analytics, interoperability, and community research activities, while ensuring existing evidence-based practices continue to be supported.

- **Process Improvements**
- **Research Studies**
- **Pilot Programs**
- **Program Evaluations**

Pillar 4: Increase Representation & Connection

Champion solutions and opportunities among local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded companies to expand data access, further data storytelling, and increase community representation.

- **Digital Access**
- **Data Storytelling**
- **Digital Inclusion**
- **Community-Centered Design**

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FINAL DRAFT 2026-2028 REGIONAL DATA AGENDA

MORPC & RDR

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is a regional council consisting of over 95 Central Ohio local governments. MORPC is a key convener of member governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded businesses. The Regional Data Roundtable (RDR) is a top-level advisory roundtable consisting of data experts who evaluate and advise the Commission and MORPC staff on matters of regional importance pertaining to data. The RDR vision is to make Central Ohio a leader in using data to improve the quality of life for all residents. Every three years, the RDR attempts to define the current opportunity space for advancing the use of data and analytics via the Regional Data Agenda.

DATA & ANALYTICS COLLABORATION

Collaboration is the key to fostering value-added interactions and partnerships among local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded businesses and companies. We aim to enhance the use of data to support improved planning and decision making across MORPC's core policy domains within the Central Ohio 15-County region.

FOCUS AREAS

This agenda establishes four focus areas and four action pillars for the 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda. Efforts in these four areas support improved quality of life, health, and safety through access to transportation and mobility options, appropriate housing, a quality environment, and employment opportunities.

Transportation & Mobility – Leverage data to support local and regional efforts for the development of safe, efficient, and cost-effective transportation infrastructure and mobility services.

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2. **Expand Education & Outreach** – Continually educate to foster advancements in data practices and public information dissemination.
3. **Bolster Project & Program Support** – Provide support and funding to scale or sustain new or novel data-driven initiatives.
4. **Increase Digital Representation& Connection** – Improve representation of marginalized groups and their interests within public data to improve government services and increase civic participation.

PILLAR 1: PROMOTE RELIABLE & TRUSTED DATA

Support regional planning and innovation by highlighting data sets, standards, and policies that instill confidence across Central Ohio's stakeholders and sectors.

- **Process Transparency** – Strengthen visibility, openness, and accountability for how data is collected, managed, and utilized.
- **Bias Reduction** – Work to ensure that data inputs, methods and analyses are reasonably free of biases which may call into question the accuracy or appropriateness of data-driven recommendations or decisions.
- **Cybersecurity** – Support data professionals and data owners by connecting them with cybersecurity experts and resources.
- **Data Controls** – Develop guidance resources for data stewards on ethical and responsible data management.

PILLAR 2: EXPAND EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Enhance data utilization by local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded businesses and companies to inform decision making, strategy development and storytelling by providing and promoting learning opportunities focused on data availability, technical capacity, and subject matter expertise.

- **Signature Events** – Align the focus of Data Day with regional priorities, and strengthen other events such as MORPC's State of the Region, Summit on Sustainability and other significant regional events by incorporating data resources and research.
- **User Groups & Working Groups** – Expand participation by public, private, and community organizations in the Regional Data and Information User Group (RIDG), Central Ohio GIS Users Group (COGUG), and Cybersecurity Working Group.
- **Community & Stakeholder Surveys** – Conduct surveys of area residents, local governments and other stakeholders related to regional priorities and pressing challenges to inform planning and decision-making.
- **Ad Hoc Learning Opportunities** – Connect local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions and private sector companies to learning opportunities.

PILLAR 3: SUPPORT PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

Help local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded companies initiate, scale, and embed new or novel data analytics, interoperability, and community research activities, while ensuring existing evidence-based practices continue to be supported.

- **Process Improvements** – Drive greater operational effectiveness across Central Ohio by making data openly available, and advancing data analytics and interoperability practices to bolster intra- and interagency collaboration.
- **Research Studies** – Align strategic data goals with academic and cross-sector expertise to initiate and scale community research initiatives and support studies which will help make Central Ohio a leader in using data to improve residents' quality of life.
- **Pilot Programs** – Work to launch and scale pilot programs. By leveraging the expertise of members and stakeholders, the region can ensure that learnings from pilot programs feed into program planning and improvements throughout the region.

- **Program Evaluations** – Use cross-sector data expertise and available data to measure the effectiveness of community initiatives. Rigorously evaluate both established and pilot programs, ensuring that programs and initiatives are impactful and cost effective.

PILLAR 4: INCREASE REPRESENTATION & CONNECTION

Champion solutions and opportunities among local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded companies to expand data access, further data storytelling, and increase community representation.

- **Digital Access** – Increase residential access to broadband internet and make public facing content easy to access and compliant with digital accessibility standards.
- **Data Storytelling** – Communicate the value of data and data-enabled insights using simple language and accessible tools, such as interactive visualizations and dashboards, maps, social media posts, and other creative approaches.
- **Digital Inclusion** – Expand the data and digital resources residents, workers, and visitors need to effectively live, work, and play; ensuring that all communities and their preferences are reflected in decision making and delivery of services.
- **Community-Centered Design** – Design inclusive, accessible data experiences for residents, by engaging in active collaboration and leverage resources of allied organizations. Use relevant data to support civic understanding, policy literacy, and shared problem-solving across communities.

Edits to Final Draft of the 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda
from Regional Data Roundtable Feedback

Edited text is shown below in **bold green**.

i. Added text addressing health and safety to Focus Area description

This agenda establishes four focus areas and four action pillars for 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda. **Efforts in these four areas support improved quality of life, health, and safety through access to transportation and mobility options, appropriate housing, a quality environment, and employment opportunities.**

ii. Struck the specific examples of Ad Hoc Learning Opportunities

Ad Hoc Learning Opportunities – Connect local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions and private sector companies to learning opportunities. ~~**including but not limited to CURA webinars, NNIP resources, CCWA global report, IntelliCon and CMC luncheons.**~~

iii. Struck the term “adequately” from Pillar 3 description

PILLAR 3: SUPPORT PROJECTS & PROGRAMS
Help local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and civic-minded companies initiate, scale, and embed new or novel data analytics, interoperability, and community research activities, while ensuring existing evidence-based practices continue to be ~~**adequately**~~ supported.

iv. Added the term "data-driven" Bolster Project & Program Support activity description

Bolster Project & Program Support – Provide support and funding to scale or sustain new or novel **data-driven** initiatives.

v. Changed "regional data authorities" to "professionals and data owners" within Cybersecurity activity description

Cybersecurity – Support **data professionals and data owners** by connecting them with cybersecurity experts and resources.

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Working Group Guide / See Data Agenda

Cybersecurity – Goal 5, Objectives 1 & 2

Data For Access & Opportunity – Goal 4, Objective 2

Regional Data Roundtable
Working Groups & User Groups Status
July 14, 2026

Working Groups:

Cybersecurity Working Group — Staff Lead: Matika Fields

Goal 5: SECURE & PROTECT -- Promote renewed focus on the security and resilience of systems and data through best practices and policy reviews with local governments and other stakeholders in the region.

Quarterly Update Summary

The Working Group met and discussed House Bill 96 and its implications for cybersecurity documentation, confidentiality, and compliance practices.

Member Bell confirmed that House Bill 96 explicitly protects cybersecurity-related information from public records disclosure, though it does not exempt organizations from sharing information with auditors or law enforcement in controlled environments. He emphasized that organizations should minimize the amount of sensitive data collected and stored to reduce risk.

Member Oliver added that his organization followed a similar approach and stressed the importance of implementing strong data tagging and classification mechanisms, such as labeling protected information consistently within systems like Office 365

The discussion transitioned into risk management practices following feedback from the Ohio Cyber Reserve assessment.

RDR Discussion Item

None at this time

Updates

Next meeting will be August 28, 2026.

Data for Access & Opportunity Working Group — Staff Lead: Dave Dixon

Goal 4: EXPAND & INCLUDE -- Identify barriers and provide solutions to improve inclusive and equitable data access across our region.

Quarterly Update Summary

The Data for Access & Opportunity Working Group, and project review group comprised of MORPC staff, continued to meet in late spring and early summer. OSU partners presented to MORPC staff on data inputs, data compilation and quality checks, modeling methods and tools, and preliminary results for traffic analysis zone (TAZ)-level access to parks within Franklin County. MORPC staff provided feedback and subsequently a refined presentation on the project and findings was given by Andre Carrel to Zephyr Foundation webinar attendees on June 25, which can be viewed here: https://zephyrtransport.org/events/2026-06-25-accessibility/

RDR Discussion Item

What other uses might you have for multi-modal modeling to support your work?

Updates
CURA to provide “lightning talk” style report out during RDR.

Recommended working group next steps involve exploring housing access and opportunity related projects.

Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group Staff Lead: Dave Dixon

Quarterly Update Summary
The Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group, collaborated asynchronously via email to incorporate Regional Data Roundtable members, and MORPC data team member feedback on the most recent draft of the 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda. The Working Group is very pleased with the engagement during the update process and with the final draft of the agenda for the Roundtable’s consideration.

RDR Discussion Item
Consideration of the 2026-2028 Regional Data Agenda recommendation to MORPC Commission for adoption during the August meeting.

Updates
The Regional Date Agenda Update Working Group will not meet again until the next agenda update cycle.

User Groups:

Central Ohio GIS User Working Group Staff Lead: Cheri Mansperger
Goal 1: CONVENE & COLLABORATE Foster value-added interactions among local governments and other stakeholders to enhance the use of data through robust sharing of best practices, analytics, and research in support of improved data-driven decision making in our region.

Quarterly Update Summary
The group met on May 20th with approximately 70 attendees, half in person. We had the following presentations:

- Google's new Geospatial Analytics products – Blair Harris, NAVAGIS
- Survey123 - fieldwork workflows and reports – Claire Horack, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc
- Analysis of Urban Parks and Violent Crime - Samuel Duling, Legislative Research Office, Columbus City Council

RDR Discussion Item
None

Updates
Next meeting will be August 26, 2026.

Regional Information & Data User Working Group Staff Lead: Ethan Hug
Goal 1: CONVENE & COLLABORATE Foster value-added interactions among local governments and other stakeholders to enhance the use of data through robust sharing of best practices, analytics, and research in support of improved data-driven decision making in our region.

Quarterly Update Summary:
MORPC held our second quarter meeting on May 13, 2026. This meeting featured Sheri Chaney-Jones who discussed the critical role of organizational data maturity in the current environment of AI adoption.

RIDG's third quarter meeting will be August 12, 2026. This meeting will feature a discussion from the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio and Scioto Analysis. Their conversation will focus on housing wealth generation.

RDR Discussion Item:
Staff is always looking for topic suggestions or volunteers for content.

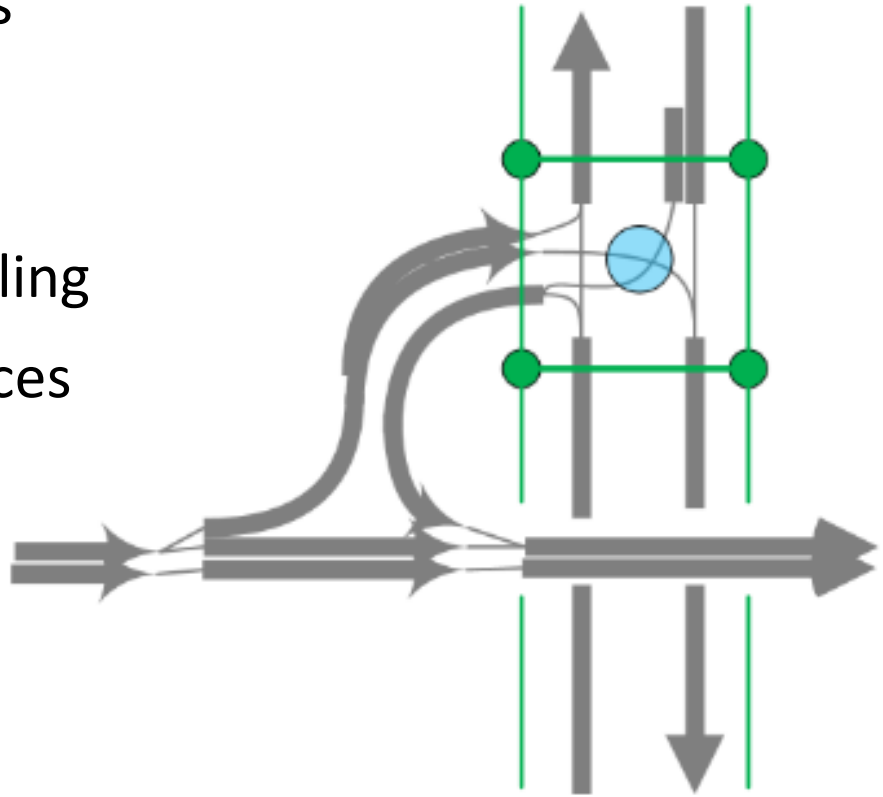
Updates:
Staff revised the email and meeting notification process and formalized the timeline and process of content generation for future meetings. This will provide prosective attendees and presenters with more, and more timely information about each upcoming RIDG session, and hopefully reach a wider audience.

GMNS+ Multimodal Network Modeling for Accessibility Analysis

Using gmns+ in practice: the Central Ohio green space accessibility Pilot Project

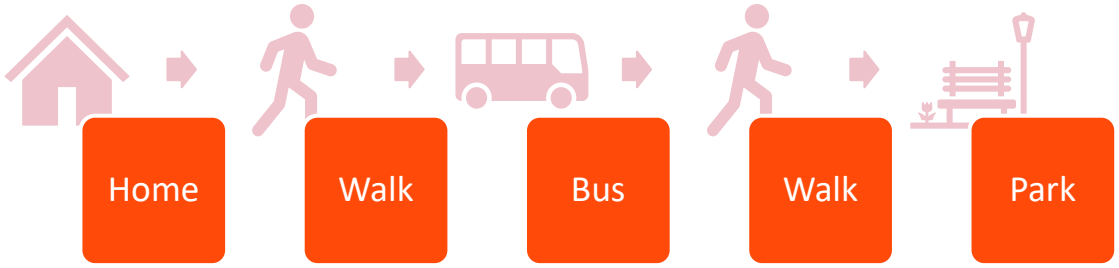
Introduction to GMNS+

- Open Data Standard for Transportation Networks
  - Auto, Walk, Bike, Transit, Micro Mobility
  - Segments, lanes, signals, time-varying networks
- Supports multi-resolution and multimodal modeling
- Integrates with common software and data sources
  - Python-based toolkit file format converters
  - Compatible with GIS software



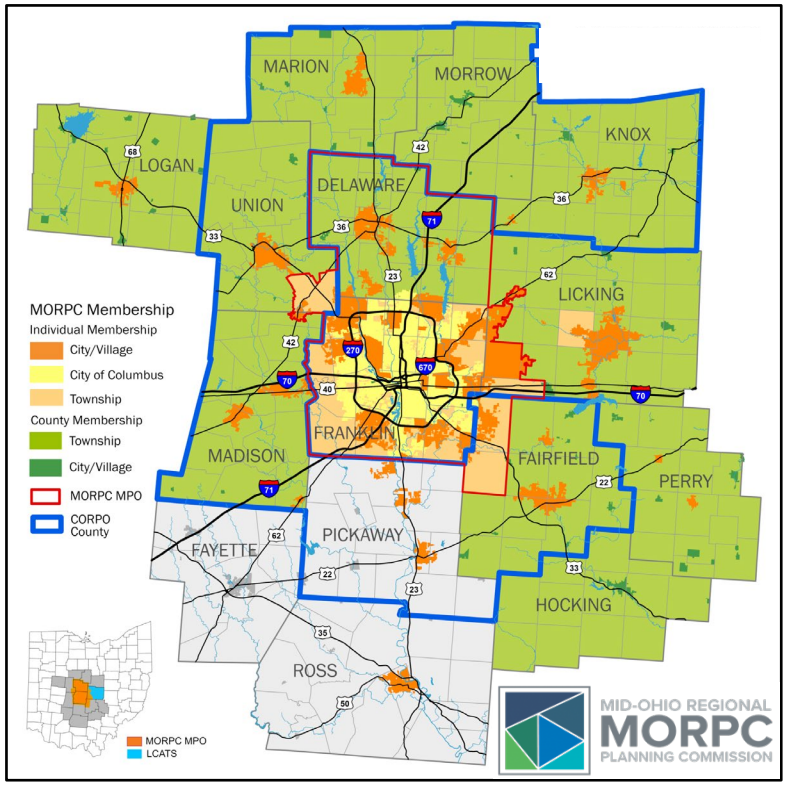
GMNS+ Supports Multimodal Modeling

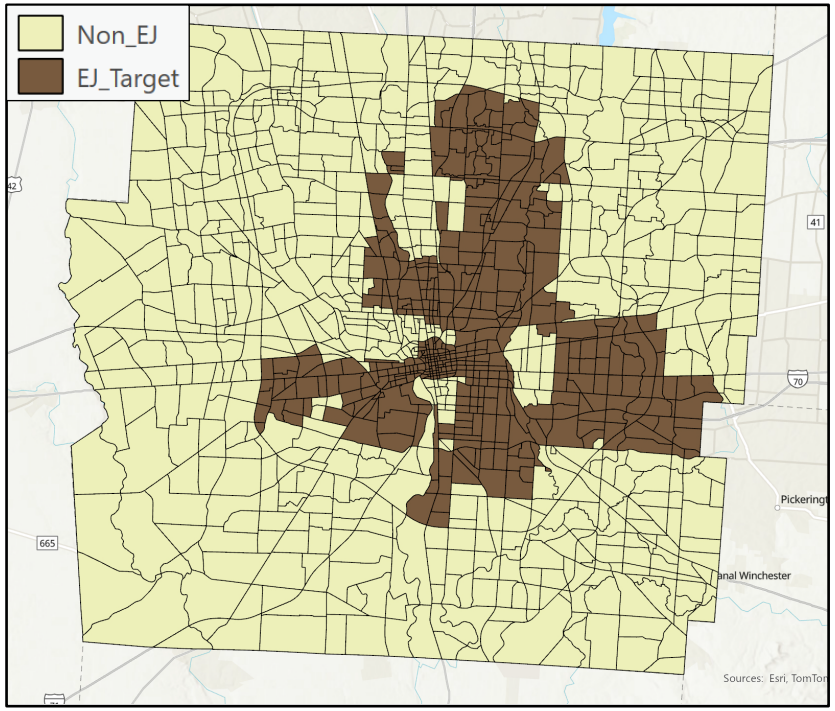
- Supports **fully routable multimodal networks**
- Capture complete door-to-door trips
- Incorporates wait and transfer time
- Existing approaches often analyze modes separately



Case Study Context: Location and Objectives

- Multimodal accessibility to green spaces and parks in Franklin County
- Compare accessibility:
  - Environmental justice target zones (EJ TAZ) - **452**
  - Non-EJ TAZ - **714**





Question 1: Access and Egress Mode

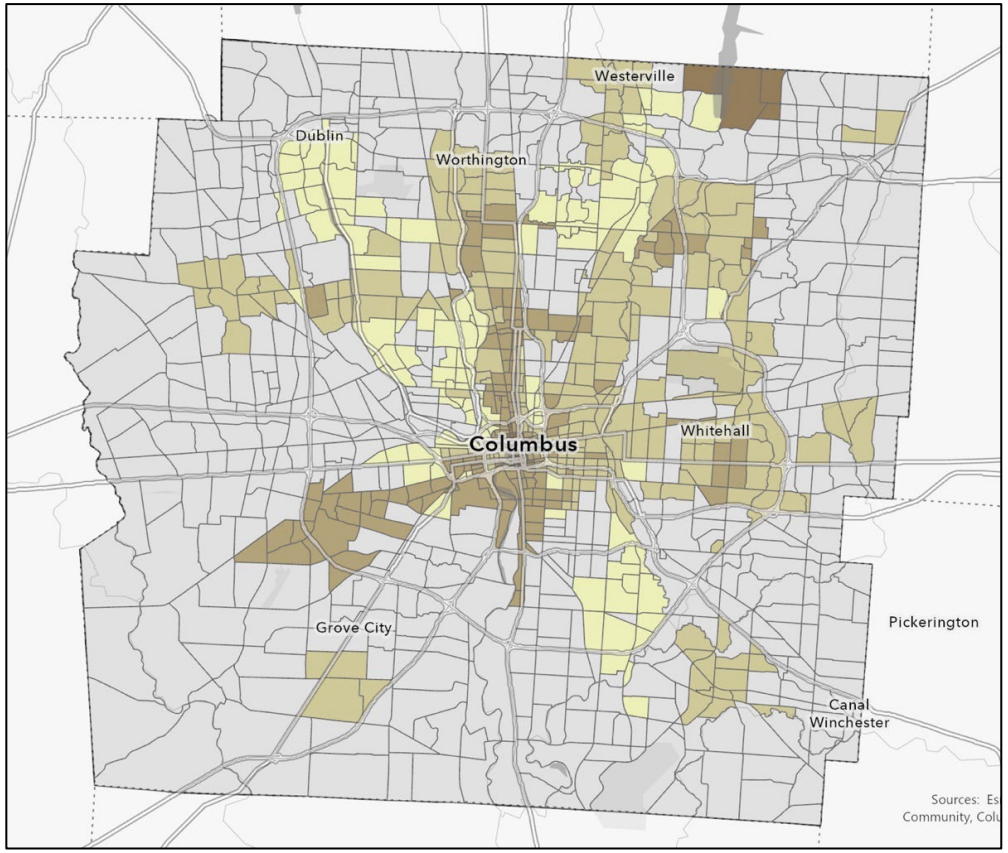
- Does the ability to take the bike on the bus expand access to regional parks in Franklin County?



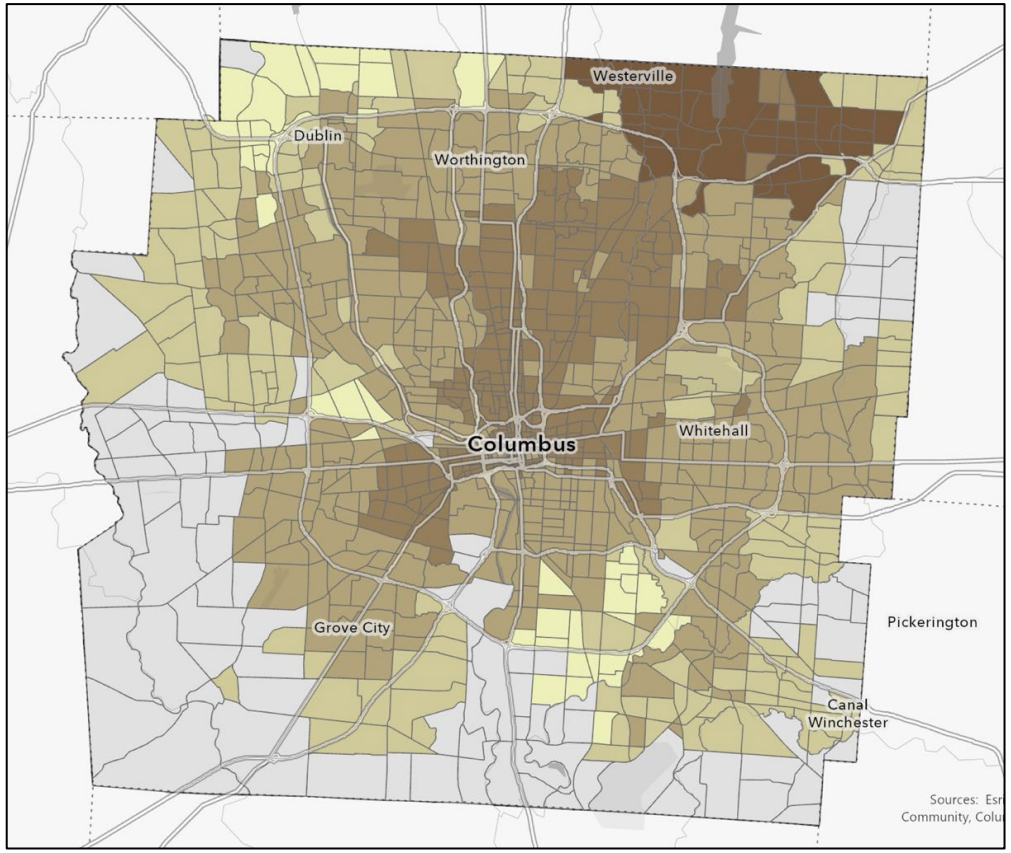
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Result 1: Access and Egress Mode

Access and egress by walking

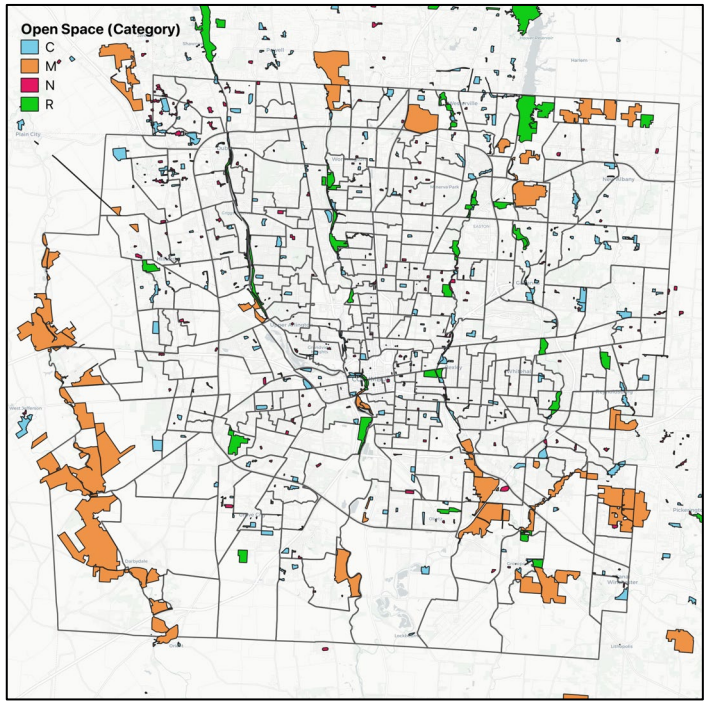


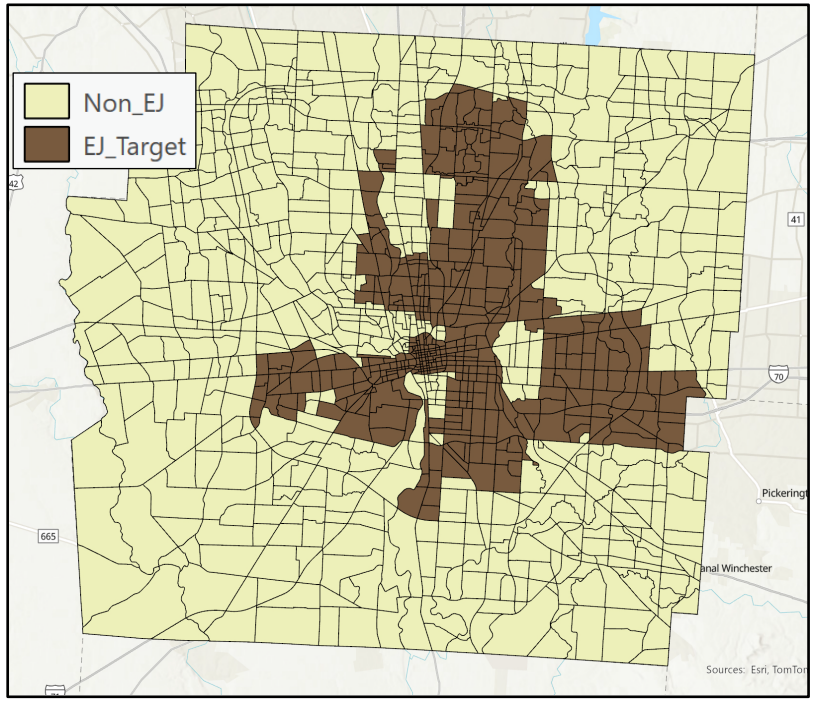
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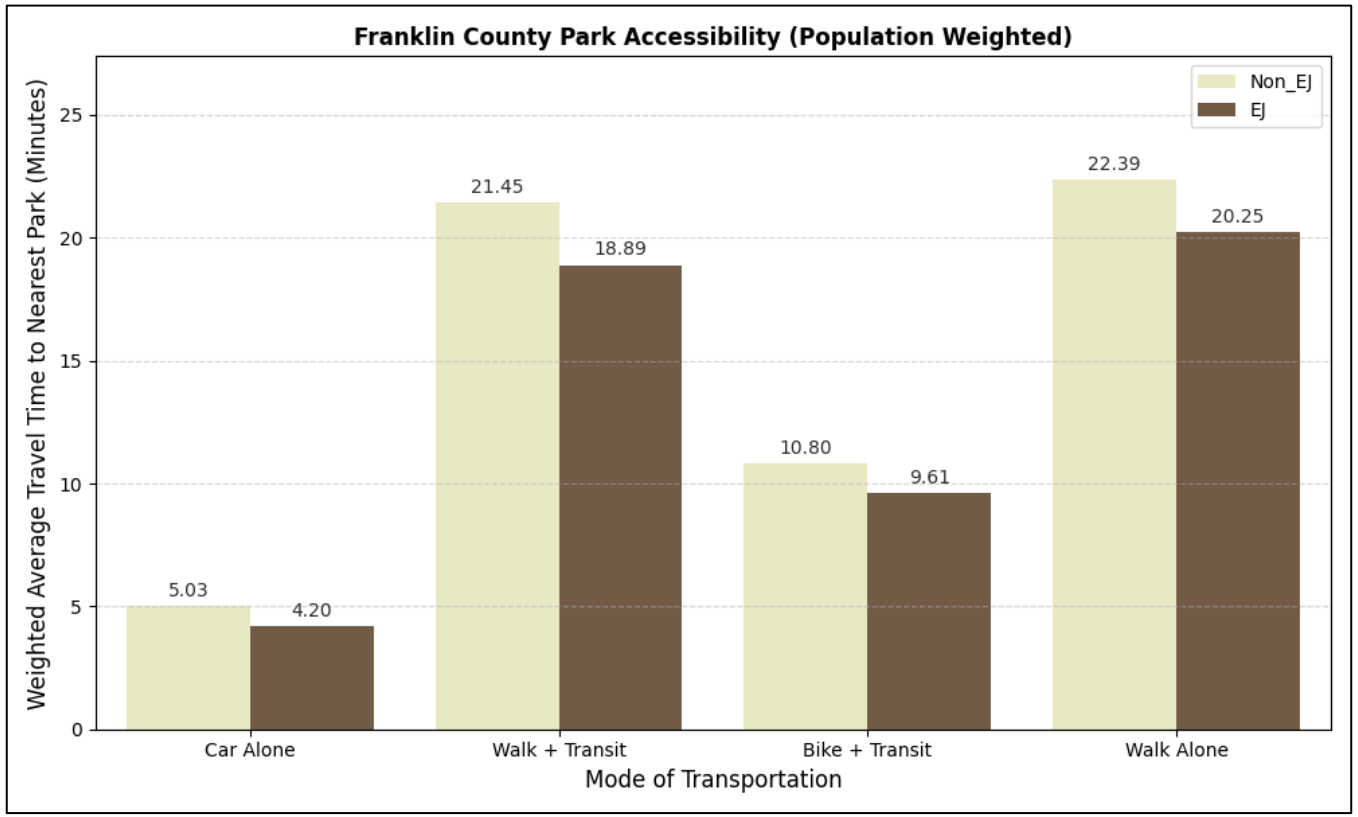
Question 2: Green Space Access for EJ TAZ

- Does average travel time to nearest park differ between EJ Target TAZ and other TAZ and across transportation modes?
- Consider Community, Regional, and Metro Parks





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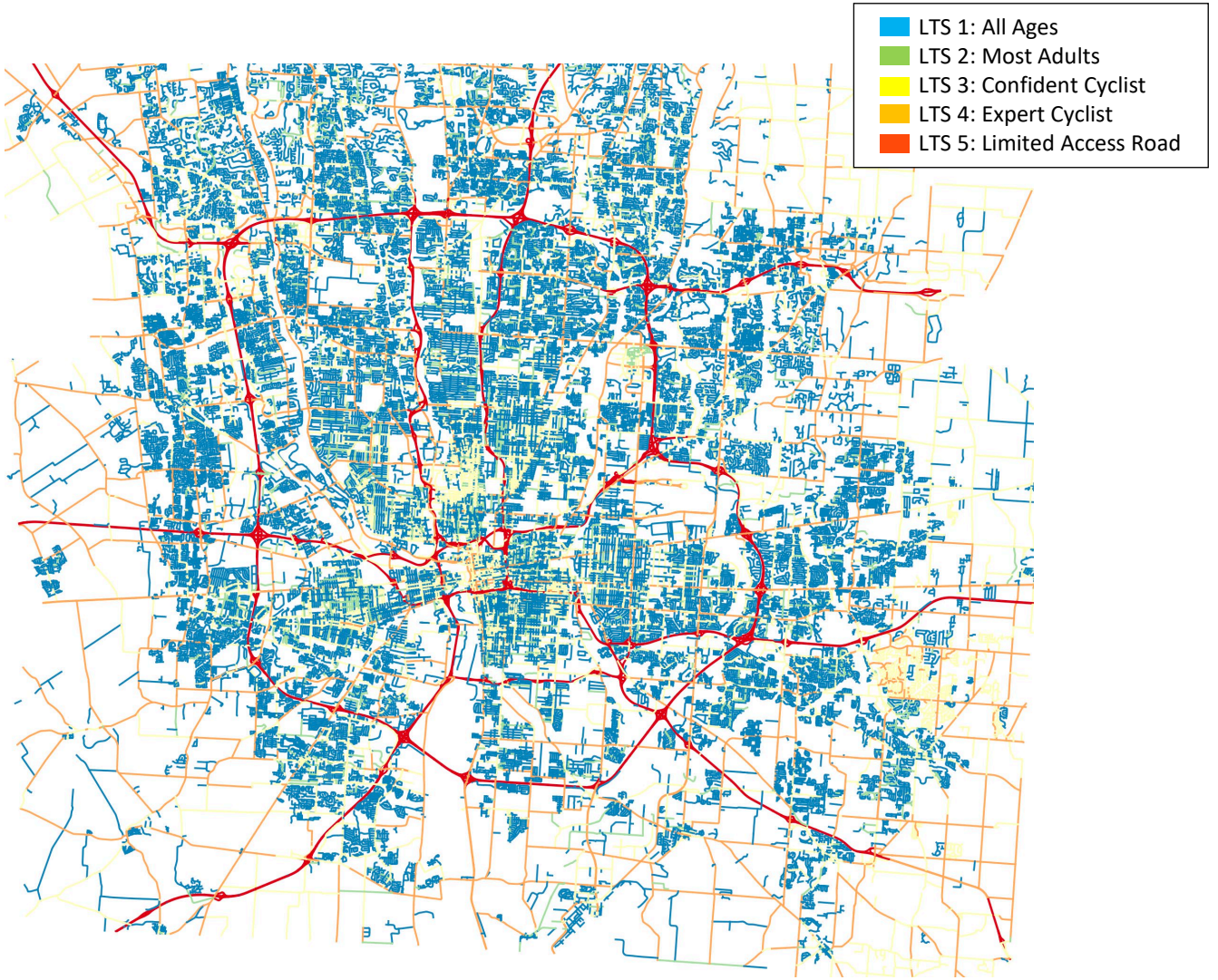


Weighted average travel time (by population) to nearest park, in minutes
Community, regional, and Metro Parks

Question 3: Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress

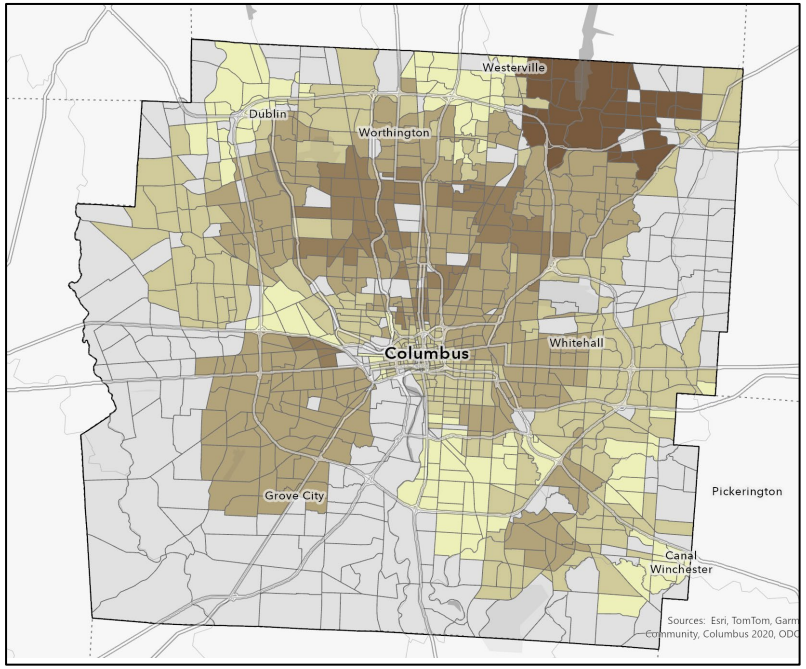
- How is access to green spaces impacted by the level of traffic stress a bicyclist is willing to tolerate?
  - Compare access to regional parks with and without LTS 4 (“Expert Cyclist”)
  - Note: Multi-use paths not included



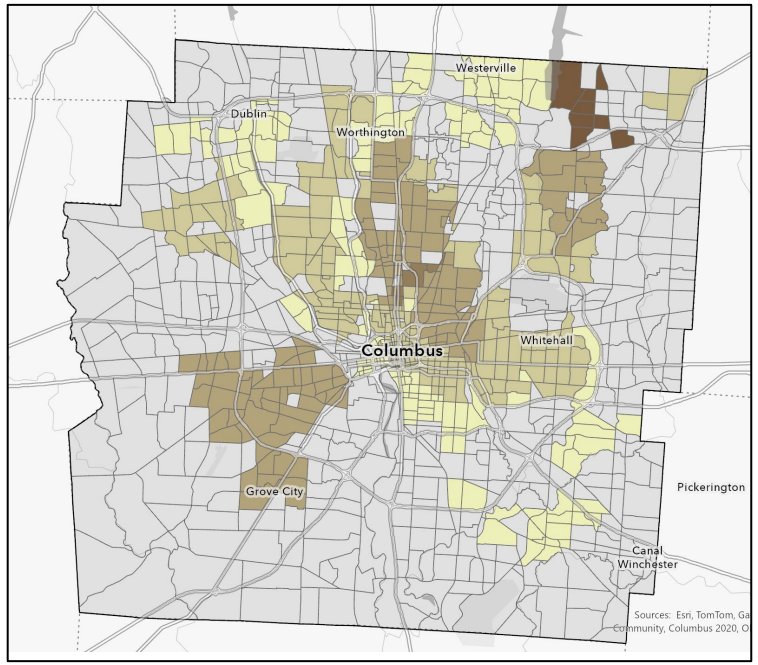


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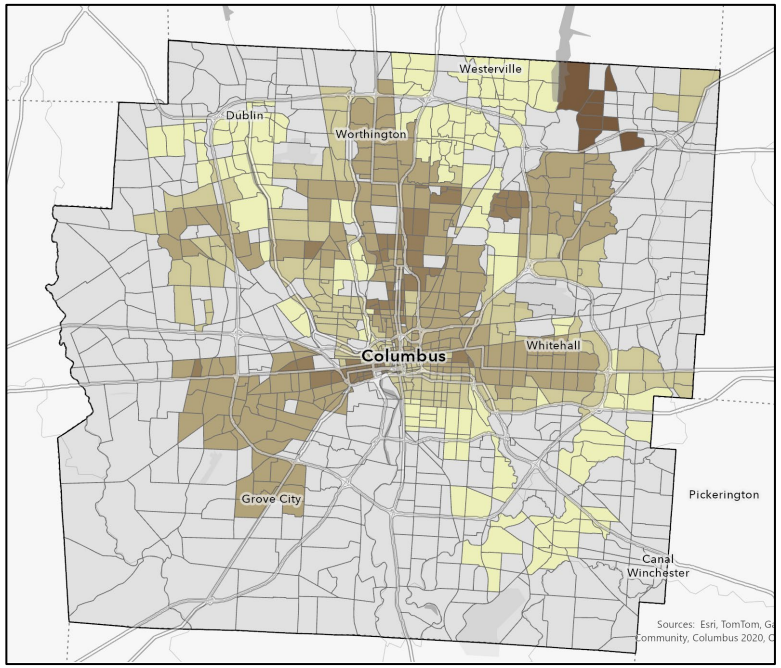
LTS 1-2-3-4 (with “Expert Cyclist”)

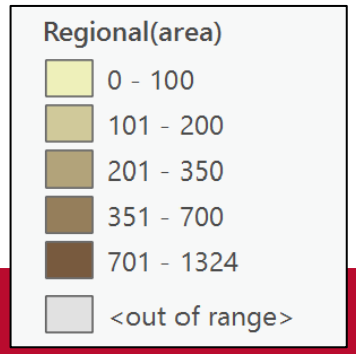


LTS 1-2-3 (without “Expert



Bike and transit, LTS 1-2-3





Summary of Central Ohio Case Study

Modeling:

- GMNS+ provides more realistic accessibility outcomes
- Network can easily be expanded and reused

Key Findings:

- Explicit modeling of walking access/egress affects accessibility results
- Biking to transit vastly expands access to green spaces compared to walking
- Overall, EJ TAZ are slightly closer to nearest green space on a mode-by-mode basis
- Combination of bike and transit expands access to green spaces for bicyclists wanting to avoid high-traffic/high-speed roads

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