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NOTICE OF A MEETING
REGIONAL DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REMOTE MEETING

May 25, 2021, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – *Brad Ebersole*

2. **2021-2022 RDAC Priorities & Working Groups** – *Brad Ebersole & Aaron Schill*

3. **Regional Public Policy Update** – *Joe Garrity*

4. **Working Group Reports**
   a. Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit – *Doug McCollough*
   b. Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy – *Gene Oliver*

5. **COVID-19 Policy Briefs –** *Liz Whelan-Jackson*

6. **MORPC Staff Updates**
   a. 2020 Census – *Aaron Schill*
   b. Broadband Projects & Programs – *Aaron Schill*
   c. Central Ohio GIS User Group Report – *Cheri Mansperger*
   d. Regional Information & Data Group Report – *Liz Whelan-Jackson*

7. **Other Business**

8. **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 RDAC Meeting will be September 7, 2021, 1:00 pm, Location to be Determined.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Chair

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Remote Meeting

Regional Data Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes

May 25, 2021, 10:30 am

Members Present

Charlie Burks, Columbus Metropolitan Library
Christina Drummond, Educopia
Chair Brad Ebersole, Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Shoreh Elhami, City of Columbus
Vice-Chair Jung Kim, One Columbus
Tom Kneeland
Bill LaFayette, Regionomics®
David Landsbergen, OSU John Glenn College
Doug McCollough, City of Dublin
Jonathan Miller, Delaware County Regional Planning Commission
Gene Oliver, City of Worthington
Tom Reed, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio
Rick Stein, Urban Decision Group
Drew Williams, City of Columbus

MORPC Staff Present

Joe Garrity
Lynn Kaufman
Cheri Mansperger
Aaron Schill
Liz Whelan-Jackson

Meeting Called to Order at 10:35 am.

2021-2022 RDAC Priorities & Working Groups – *Brad Ebersole & Aaron Schill*

Background of Priorities

Prior to the April 6, 2021, RDAC meeting, Members identified 22 potential priority projects from the 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda. At the April 6 meeting this list was narrowed to seven:

1.2.5 ... Provide guidance to local governments in the creation and management of open data resources
1.3.5 ... Build partnerships with associations of Central Ohio data leaders
1.4.1 ... Develop best-practice case studies on how data can be used to make better policy decisions
2.3 ..... Establish a regional Data Day to promote data education and access throughout Central Ohio
3.1.3 ... Compile best practices for data governance
5.3 ..... Build capacity and collaboration in Central Ohio to address digital equity needs
6.2.4 ... Create community partnerships to provide free/reduced cost data and mapping services to underserved populations

RDAC leadership and Staff proposed addressing these seven priorities by the creation of three new Working Groups:

Partnership & Capacity-Building Working Group

This Group will address many of the objectives & action items of Goals 1 and 2. Examples of the duties of this Working Group include guidance for RIDG & COGUG, advancing MORPC's data partnerships, and overseeing capacity-building efforts like a Data Academy or Data Day Conference.

Local Government Resources Working Group
This Group will address objectives and action items under several goals, with focus on the development of specific data-related supports and resources for MORPC Members. An example would include the current project to develop the Data Policy Survey & Toolkit.

Broadband & Digital Equity Working Group
This Group will primarily address Goal 5, which is a high-priority, emerging area of work for MORPC. Directional guidance from RDAC on this topic will be important.

Each of these Working Groups will have objectives and deliverables. As these objectives and deliverables are met / have been completed, the Group will move on to the next priority within that Group's scope. The Working Groups will also be flexible, with the ability to adjust Group membership to include non-RDAC members and to adjust membership upon completion of initiatives.

In June, Members will receive meeting notes and a form to return to Staff, expressing their preference of which Working Group to join. Staff and Working Group Members will create meeting schedules after the assignments have been completed.

Regional Public Policy Update – *Joe Garrity*
Click here for the presentation.

Working Group Reports
Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit – *Aaron Schill*
The Survey should be distributed in June, and will go to every top level administrator, technology director and law director at each MORPC Member government. MORPC has 75 Members, so there will be several hundred surveys distributed. The goal is to gather different perspectives from each organization.

Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy – *Gene Oliver*
The Group is finalizing a non-binding letter of intent to present to city leaders. Working Group Members will also be researching grant funding to finalizing the design and implementation plans.

Initially, nine communities will be invited to participate in the project. Those communities were identified by having significant fiber assets built in the region and being immediately adjacent to pop locations (where the fiber can be tied into the network). The focus is on public service and operational efficiency. A use case for local government would be the sharing of secure data between police departments.

COVID-19 Policy Briefs – *Liz Whelan-Jackson*
Click here to see the presentation, and click here to view the Policy Briefs.

Aaron Schill asked that RDAC Members:
- Encourage others to internalize these briefs in their work.
- Share the briefs with their contacts.
- Encourage additional dialogue with community leaders and anyone that this info will help – MORPC Staff will be happy to present at public meetings.

MORPC Staff Updates

2020 Census – *Aaron Schill*

- The Census reapportionment data was delivered to the President and to Congress; Ohio lost one Congressional seat
- The Census Bureau has proposed a change to the urbanized area designation. This will directly impact the definition of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and how transportation funding is allocated to regions, which is the core of MORPC's work. Staff is still researching what this will mean to MORPC and to the region. MORPC sent a comment letter to the Census Bureau expressing concerns, which is available to RDAC Members upon request.

Central Ohio GIS User Group – *Cheri Mansperger*

The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) met on May 19 with 45 attendees, and discussed the 2021 ESRI User Conference and the 2021 Ohio GIS Conference. Adam Ingram, Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security, gave a presentation regarding GIS & Emergency Management. The next COGUG meeting will be on August 11.

Regional Information & Data Group – *Liz Whelan-Jackson*

The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) met on May 5 with 43 attendees. Members heard presentations from Dave Van Riper of the National Historical Geographic Information System, which is a data product that conforms historical Census data to current geographic boundaries and population classifications. Vice-Chair Langdon Sanders gave an overview of Jupyter Notebook. RIDG will meet again on August 4.

Other Business

Aaron announced that he will be leaving MORPC later this summer or fall. Chair Ebersole Brad noted Aaron's excellent leadership and work and that he will be missed by MORPC and RDAC Members.

Adjourned at 12:03 pm.



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April 6 Special RDAC Meeting Summary

- Ahead of the meeting 22 objectives and action items suggested as potential priorities
- Following discussion and a round of voting, list was narrowed to seven:

1.2.5 - Provide guidance to local governments in the creation and management of open data resources

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- Strong support for remaining items & intersectionality among them, suggested a change to more inclusive approach – rather than narrowing down to just 2-3 priorities

2021-2022 RDAC Priorities & Working Groups

- Partnerships & capacity-building
  - Incorporates many of the objectives & action items under goals 1 & 2
  - Examples include guidance for RIDG & COGUG, advancing MORPC's data partnerships, and overseeing capacity-building efforts like a data academy or data day conference
- Local government resources
  - Spans objectives & action items under several goals
  - Focus on the development of specific data-related supports & resources for MORPC members
  - Example would include the current project to develop the data policy survey & toolkit
- Broadband & digital equity
  - Primarily covers goal 5
  - High-priority, emerging area of work for MORPC, so directional guidance from RDAC on this topic will be important

2021-2022 RDAC Priorities & Working Groups

- The three working groups will be more permanent in scope, encompassing nearly all objectives and action items in the Regional Data Agenda

- Focus will continue to be on concrete deliverables
  - Each working group will focus primarily on one key initiative at a time
  - Working groups will define key initiative and corresponding scope of the work

- Will maintain certain elements of flexibility
  - Can bring in participants beyond RDAC membership
  - Opportunities to adjust working group membership upon completion of initiatives

RDAC Working Group Reports

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Working Group Reports

- Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit

- Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy

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- Broadband Projects & Programs
- Central Ohio GIS User Group
- Regional Information & Data Group

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