



Looking Forward Our Way

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MORPC REFERENCES AND RESOURCES:

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)
111 Liberty Street; Suite 100; Columbus, OH 43215; 614/228-2663;
<https://www.morpc.org/> info@morpc.org

Leaders Listen Survey Series <https://www.morpc.org/leaderslisten/>

MORPC Insights <https://morpc.org/insights>

Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2020-2050
<https://www.morpc.org/programs-services/active-transportation-plan/>

2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
<https://www.morpc.org/2024-2050-metropolitan-transportation-plan/>

Transportation Improvement Program (latest is 2024-2027)
<https://www.morpc.org/programs-services/transportation-improvement-program/>

Regional Mobility Plan is a transit coordinated plan to identify transportation needs for nine Central Ohio counties. <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/regional-mobility-plan/>

"Pathways for People: Linking Communities Around US-23". The survey and an interactive web map are available at <https://us-23-active-transportation-study-morpc.hub.arcgis.com/>

MORPC is preparing to update the Central Ohio Bike User Map, for the first time in 10 years. The new version will include curated routes that connect people to cultural destinations such as the Columbus Zoo, Franklin Park Conservatory, and Downtown. Before they publish the new map, they are assessing the comfort of these routes, through volunteer cyclists (of all skill levels), to ride the routes with a comfortable bike that has been fitted with camera technology. This is a unique opportunity for residents to help assess the safety of bicycle routes in Columbus, Bexley, Westerville, and Grove City and improve the quality of the regional bike map. The camera will record the conditions surrounding the cyclist during the ride and the recording will be analyzed afterward to look for specific safety hazards and to assess the overall comfort level of the route. If any volunteer does not feel comfortable riding alone, an experienced ride buddy will be assigned to accompany that person on the ride. These rides will be conducted through early August 2025. Riders can sign up via the following links.

- Columbus: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA728A6FBC34-57114009-velo>
- Bexley: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA728A6FBC34-57175664-velo>
- Westerville: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA728A6FBC34-57263144-westerville>
- Grove City: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA728A6FBC34-57173403-grove>

Mobility Management Managers are local transportation experts, enhancing mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities, by connecting them to transportation options that best fit their. Find the list of county mobility managers on Gohio Mobility <https://gohiocommute.com/#/pages/mobilitymanagers>

My Mobility Plan provides information on transportation options once you stop driving <https://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/mobility-management/>

Gohio Commute transportation program <http://morpc.gohio.com/>

Gohio Commute/Emergency Ride Home <https://gohiocommute.com/#/pages/about-morpc>

Other MORPC (non-transportation) programs:

Weatherization/Home Repairs/Residential Services <https://www.morpc.org/programs-services/residential-services/>

Air Quality: <https://www.morpc.org/programs-services/air-quality/>

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES:

Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, “Overwhelming” Report <https://www.ahaco.org/overwhelming>

Columbus Zone-In Initiative <https://zone-in-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/>

COTA – Central Ohio Transportation Authority <https://www.cota.com/>

LinkUSColumbus Mobility Initiative <https://linkuscolumbus.com/>

Discount Fares <https://www.cota.com/discount-fares/>

Park & Ride <https://www.cota.com/how-to-ride/park-ride/>

Mainstream <https://www.cota.com/accessibility-for-riders-with-disabilities/mobility/>

CMax <https://www.cota.com/services/cmax/>

COTA//Plus <https://www.cota.com/cotaplus/>

COTA C-Pass (information for employers and employees) <https://www.cota.com/riding-cota/c-pass/>

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS:

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) <http://coaaa.org> (1-800-589-7277)

COAAA Transportation Guide

<https://coaaa.org/cms/resources/guides?highlight=WyJ0cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbiIsInRyYW5zcG9ydGF0aW9uJ3MiLCJndWlkZSIsInRyYW5zcG9ydGF0aW9uIGd1aWRlllO=>

Assistance to update your driving skills

<http://coaaa.org/cms/education/drive-training?highlight=WyJ0cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbiJd>

Services to “age in place” which include transportation assistance <http://coaaa.org/cms/services/need-help-staying-at-home?highlight=WyJ0cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbiJd>

Franklin County Office on Aging <https://officeonaging.org>

Senior Options Program (614/525-6200) includes medical transportation

<https://officeonaging.org/fcso/services.aspx>

MAJOR TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN EACH CENTRAL OHIO COUNTY:

If you are looking for transportation options in your county, find the public transportation systems on the Gohio Mobility Planner website www.gohiocommute.com/#/mobility List of the “major” transportation option for each county:

Delaware: [Delaware County Transit - Public Transportation | Bus Routes | Ride Scheduling \(delcotransit.com\)](#)

Fairfield: [Transit | Lancaster, OH - Official Website](#)

Fayette: [Transportation | Community Action Commission of Fayette County \(cacfayettecounty.org\)](#)

Franklin: [Home Page | COTA, Central Ohio Transit Authority. Let's Go!](#)

Licking: [Licking County - Public Transportation](#)

Logan: [RTC Transportation — RTC Services](#)

Madison: [Welcome to Madison County, OH](#)

Pickaway: [TRANSIT SOLUTIONS — PICCA](#)

Union: [Union County, Ohio - UCATS \(unioncountyohio.gov\)](#)

OTHER LFOW PODCASTS OF INTEREST:

Carlie Boos, Executive Director, Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio and Michael Wilkos, Senior Vice President/Community Impact, United Way of Central Ohio ~ Discussing Central Ohio's Affordable Housing Crisis
<https://lookingforwardourway.com/the-central-ohio-affordable-housing-crisis/>

Maria Schaper, MORPC, Discussing the LinkUS program <https://lookingforwardourway.com/linkus-cota-issue-47/>

Emma Strange, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (formerly MORPC), Discussing MORPC's Mobility Plan
<https://lookingforwardourway.com/the-positive-impact-of-morpcs-mobility-plan/>

OTHER RESOURCES:

Escaping the Housing Trap: The Strong Towns Response to the Housing Crisis ([Charles L. Marohn Jr.](#) and [Daniel Herriges](#))
<https://www.strongtowns.org/contributors-journal/charles-marohn> <https://www.strongtowns.org/contributors-journal/daniel-herriges>