



THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MVRPC)

Though our Region is made up of diverse entities, each with unique qualities, we are united by our similarities. Together, we comprise one community – the Miami Valley Region. Founded upon the principles of regional collaboration, cooperation, and consensus building, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) serves as the common ground where area partners come together to work toward a shared vision. Together, public and private partners develop and implement innovative and sustainable strategies that enhance the Region's quality of life and economic vitality.



STRATEGIC PLAN

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) performs various regional planning activities, including air quality, water quality, transportation, land use, and GIS. As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), MVRPC is responsible for transportation planning in Greene, Miami and Montgomery Counties and the communities of Carlisle, Franklin and Springboro in northern Warren County, Ohio. MVRPC's areawide water quality planning designation encompasses five (5) counties: Darke, Preble plus the three MPO counties. MVRPC is known as the regional steward of our natural resources and transportation initiatives.

VISION - Our Board of Directors' decisions, through strategic partnerships and staff efforts, contribute to the advancement of the Region's economic vitality, enhanced quality of life, strong sense of place, and expanded opportunities that attract and retain talented individuals and organizations to the Miami Valley Region.

MISSION - MVRPC promotes collaboration among communities, stakeholders, and residents to advance regional priorities. MVRPC is a forum and resource where the Board of Directors identifies priorities, develops public policy and collaborative strategies to improve quality of life throughout the Miami Valley Region.

VALUES - Our values describe how MVRPC conducts business:

- **Integrity** We maintain high ethics, a fair and balanced approach to issues, and strong standards of professionalism in all aspects of the agency's work for the betterment of the Region.
- **Transparency** We ensure that the public has the opportunity to observe, debate, question, and participate in the agency's planning process.
- **Inclusion** We seek the active participation and contribution of all groups in the regional planning process.
- **Diversity** We welcome alternate views and seek input from participants of diverse race, income, jurisdiction, age, or ability.
- **Innovation** We seek and offer creative and innovative solutions in the regional planning process through expanded use of technology, improved processes, and adapted methods from other fields or regions.



MVRPC'S MAJOR AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

MVRPC develops plans that ensure the continued successes of this Region - plans that enhance this area's competitive position, promote integration of systems, stimulate the economy, improve personal mobility, and preserve our environment.

The two primary responsibilities of MVRPC's Transportation Program are the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), also known as the Short Range Transportation Plan. Working closely with our member jurisdictions, and state and federal agencies, both documents outline what transportation improvements lay ahead.

- Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a long-range (20+ years) strategy and capital improvement program developed to guide the effective investment of public funds in multi-modal transportation facilities. The plan is updated every four (4) years, and may be amended, as needed. The Plan provides the context from which the Region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is developed. Extensive outreach is always conducted as part of the plan update prior to presenting to the Board of Directors for adoption.
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a more detailed, four-year transportation capital improvement program that is updated every two (2) years. Specifically outlined in the TIP are the Region's highway, bikeway/pedestrian and transit improvements that are financed using federal and/ or state funds. Before local jurisdictions can move forward with any proposed project implementation or construction, that project must be recommended and approved for use of federal or state dollars by MVRPC's Technical Advisory Committee and Board of Directors and become a part of the TIP.

In addition, other important transportation-based activities include:

• Alternative Transportation Planning – focuses on biking, walking, ridesharing or taking transit, all of which are "alternatives" to driving alone. With over 250 miles of bike trails stretching across five counties, our Region includes a large portion of the nation's largest network of paved, off-street trails, which totals over 330 miles of trails and extends south to Cincinnati and north to Urbana, OH. This Region offers an extensive system that serve cyclists and walkers alike. MVRPC's Board of Directors recognized the regional asset and adopted the Comprehensive Local-Regional Bikeway Plan (CLRBP). Intended to take the Region's trail system to the next level, the CLRBP envisions branching off our incredible multi-use



trails with a network of bike-friendly roads and streets. The RIDESHARE Program encourages carpooling/vanpooling to work or college and provides a free match list of commuters who have similar destinations and schedules. Since vehicle emissions are still the primary source of air pollution, sharing the ride helps reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality all at the same time. Plus, by sharing the ride, commuters can cut their transportation costs in half.



- Human Services Transportation/Transit

 Coordination focuses on addressing the needs of the "transportation disadvantaged," such as senior citizens, people with disabilities who do not drive, and low income people without a reliable way to get to work. MVRPC's Board of Directors adopted The Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Northern Warren County. An update expanded the focus to include:
 - Growing transportation needs of senior citizens;
 - Better access to employment, medical facilities, educational facilities, and shopping;
 - Essential sidewalks/curb cuts for pedestrians & wheelchair users;
 - Low income persons needing transportation to jobs; and
 - Emphasis on regional coordination of transportation services.

MVRPC works closely with the Region's three (3) transit providers and other agencies to address these needs.

REGIONAL PLANNING

Understanding that transportation issues and land use practices are closely tied together, and are greatly impacted by each other, MVRPC emphasizes "Sustainable Growth" philosophies and integration of land use planning and transportation planning. MVRPC's Regional Planning Program led an in-depth, regional land use planning initiative entitled "Going Places: An Integrated Land Use Vision for the Miami Valley Region." Working with regional stakeholders, this initiative advances a shared future land use vision for the Miami Valley Region. After extensive research, development of potential scenarios and outreach to the community, a preferred land use concept – *The Concentrated* Development Vision – was the most suitable. A consultant was hired to develop a consensusdriven, regional land use plan to address how the Region can achieve the Concentrated Development Vision. Final recommendations included eleven (11) implementation "tools" and adoption by the Board of Directors. The Phase III Report summarizes this final phase which was completed in December 2014. Staff coordinates with member jurisdictions to assist in their efforts to use these strategies.





ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

Whether it's regarding the air we breathe or the water we use, MVRPC plays a part in helping the Region meet the standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

• Air Quality Planning - The Clean Air Act requires that the Region has a plan for protecting and improving the air quality in the Miami Valley. MVRPC is responsible for recommending elements of the Region's State Implementation Plan for air quality attainment. Since transportation planning is at the core of the MVRPC mission, and vehicle emissions are significant contributors to the Region's air pollution, MVRPC addresses this issue from a number of directions. The LRTP and TIP must each "conform" to the regional air quality plan and not contribute to a violation of air quality standards.

In addition, MVRPC coordinates closely with the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA). RAPCA monitors the air in the Miami Valley and if air pollution levels are forecasted to be high, an "Air Pollution Advisory" will be issued by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

• Water Quality Planning - MVRPC maintains the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan as part of our role as the designated water quality planning agency for the five-county Miami Valley Region. This plan is not just one document, but a series of linked reports, studies, and maps that describe the Region's water resources, identify sources of surface and groundwater pollution, and recommend strategies for addressing them. This plan is supported by a water quality planning process which convenes regional stakeholders to discuss and determine regional approaches to protecting our shared water resources. MVRPC members have stayed informed about important developments in water resource protection in our Region, such as updates to the City of Dayton Source Water Protection Program, and the Miami Conservancy District's Pilot Water Quality Credit Trading Program. Additionally, MVRPC's Board of Directors passed a resolution supporting broader implementation of the credit trading approach to water quality protection. MVRPC has partnered with Ohio EPA to provide much needed wastewater planning assistance to small rural communities in the Region with a need to plan for community replacement of on-lot septic systems with sanitary sewer. The Unsewered Communities Project will provide five, small communities with an actionable General Plan for each community to address public health concerns in their area. As issues arise that require updates to elements of the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, MVRPC staff coordinates through the Facility Planning Subcommittee to craft amendments and earn approval through the Technical Advisory Committee and Board of Directors.



MVRPC'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – BRIAN O. MARTIN, AICP

Brian O. Martin, AICP, serves as the Executive Director of the agency. Brian's primary responsibilities include overseeing all management aspects of the organization and he also represents the agency in various capacities on the regional, statewide and national levels. MVRPC's current operating budget is approximately \$4.2 million, has a staff of 24, and it has seventy-four (74) member Board of Directors. Brian brought a wealth of knowledge to the MVRPC Executive Director position, especially in the field of transportation.

Since joining MVRPC, Brian has reorganized the agency to add the Sustainable Solutions & Transportation Alternatives Department. This coincided with the updating of MVRPC's Strategic Plan which incorporates new values and goals, some of which focus on sustainability and environmentally-sound practices.

In 2014, Brian guided the adoption of the Regional Land Use Plan - entitled Going Places – by MVRPC's Board of Directors. This plan features eleven tools which local jurisdictions can follow when redesigning/revitalizing their communities. He also crafted a State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan Repayment Policy. SIB Loans are made by the state to encourage economic development and investment in public transportation facilities. This policy outlines the process for jurisdictions to apply for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds as a means to repay a SIB Ioan. 2014 marked the 50th anniversary of MVRPC and the agency's relocation to 10 North Ludlow Street, Suite 700, on Courthouse Square in Downtown Dayton.

In the past, he has lead project teams in completing studies and developed business relationships for Burgess & Niple, initially in Columbus, Ohio, and then in Indianapolis, Indiana, from 2008 - 2013.

Brian worked in the public sector in strategic planning and regional planning with a transit company (Central Ohio Transit Authority) and 3 different Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Columbus, OH; Athens, GA; and Lexington, KY).

His work has focused on transportation, economic, and environmental planning, and public involvement. He has completed 20 plans over his career for large regions, cities, and villages. His ability to work with numerous communities prepared him for his current position with MVRPC.

A Kentucky native, Brian is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with both a B.S. degree in Production/Operations Management (1987) and a M.S. degree in City and Regional Planning (1989).



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