

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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Regional Planning Commission

Shaping Our Region's Future Together

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MVRPC Welcomes Carlton Eley as the new Regional Equity Manager



Carlton Eley is an accomplished expert on the topic of equitable development. Carlton is a former civil servant whose career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) spanned twenty years. At EPA, he created and managed a portfolio on equitable development for thirteen years, and he was the first urban planner hired by EPA's Office of Environmental Justice.

Carlton is credited for elevating equitable development to the level of formal recognition within U.S. EPA as an approach for encouraging sustainable communities. He was appointed by the President of the American Planning Association (APA) to serve as Chair of the Social Equity Task Force. Also, he re-energized APA's focus on social equity by publishing a Planning Advisory Service Memo in March 2017 that was release to APA's 45,000 members.

He has managed national workshops; coordinated national recognition programs; conducted community technical assistance; and published multiple articles that explore the intersection of equity and community planning. Carlton nominated State Representative Harold Mitchell, Jr. and the ReGenesis Project for the 2015 National Planning Excellence Award for Advancing Diversity and Social Change (in Honor of Paul Davidoff).

In 2003, Carlton participated in the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship in Public Policy. Following the fellowship, he wrote a chapter on Wellington, New Zealand for the book, *Local Sustainable Urban Development in a Globalized World*. Carlton has served on community advisory service teams for Pamlico County, NC; Princeville, NC; Gary, IN; Birmingham, AL; and the Vecht River Valley in the Netherlands. His technical assistance work, professional writing, and public engagement efforts have earned citations from the American Planning Association; the National Organization of Minority Architects; and former U.S. Representative Julia Carson.

Since 2005, Carlton has offered numerous lectures on equitable development, including presentations in New Zealand; British Columbia; and the United Arab Emirates. Carlton has a B.A. in Sociology/Social Work Curriculum from Elizabeth City State University and a M.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa.

As Regional Equity Initiative Manager, Carlton will lead equity initiatives agency-wide and in collaboration with our members and strategic partners. He will also serve as the Agency's Title VI leader and expert diversity, inclusion and equity administrator. Carlton will be responsible for complex projects related to social justice and systemic inequities focused on revision of policies and transformation of systems.

2020 Census Update – The Count Continues!

The 2020 Census is underway and the count continues across the Miami Valley. Gauge your community's participation by visiting 2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census Bureau has extended its operations, allowing residents to self-respond by filling out the Census form through October 31, 2020. There is still time to be counted and we are encouraging residents across the Region to “avoid the knock” by responding anytime online by visiting my2020census.gov/, over the phone by calling 1-844-330-2020, or through the mail.



MVRPC is a Census Affiliate Organization and provides assistance to U.S. Census Bureau's various programs. For more information about the 2020 Census, visit our Resource page at <https://www.mvrpc.org/data-mapping/census-data-center/2020-census-resource-page>.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Funding

Ohio EPA [recently opened applications](#) for funding Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations under the VW settlement Fund. Jurisdictions in Greene, Montgomery, and Warren Counties are eligible to receive 100% reimbursement for new charging sites up to \$7,500 per port. There are a number of eligibility requirements for such projects, but the main criteria are that the proposed site be publicly available at least 16 hours per day and not be used for employee or fleet vehicle charging. Sites with nearby amenities, including libraries, shopping or food services, will be more competitive. For the three counties there is a total of \$345,000 available for such projects through this program; we want to make sure Ohio EPA gets enough applications to spend those dollars in our Region.

MVRPC is an eligible applicant and we are interested in working with members to develop a regional application for project sites at your administration buildings, rec centers and other publicly owned properties. We recognize there may be interest but not sufficient staff time to develop individual applications across the region. MVRPC staff will work with member staff to coordinate site visits with representatives of Dayton Power & Light and EV equipment installers to develop qualified estimates for your projects. Interested members should contact Matt Lindsay at mlindsay@mvrpc.org or 937.531.6548 for more details. Please let Matt know of your interest by August 14th.

Current and Upcoming Opportunities for Public Involvement

MVRPC will promote several opportunities in the coming weeks for the public to provide feedback as we develop transportation and transit plans for our Region. Though each plan is unique to its respective focus area, together they will help to shape the way those who live and work in the Miami Valley will travel throughout our Region for decades to come.

Greater Region Transportation Coordination Plan

The **Greater Region Mobility Initiative (GRMI)** is an effort led by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Office of Transit.

The purpose of the GRMI is to improve coordination among transit providers to enhance options for non-drivers within the eight counties of Champaign, Miami, Clark, Montgomery, Darke, Preble, Greene and Shelby. MVRPC acts as the Regional Coordinating Agency (RCA) on behalf of ODOT, to provide these counties the opportunity to participate in this regional approach and support their efforts to expand and enhance transit services within their communities.

Greater Miami Valley Region Transportation Coordination Plan identifies community transportation resources, compiles statistics of the target population, identifies transportation needs and outlines strategies to fill in the gaps and reduce duplications in service.

The REVISED FINAL DRAFT of the Greater Miami Valley Region Transportation Plan will be available for review and comment beginning August 3, 2020. In lieu of an in-person public meeting, all documents are available for public review and comments on www.mvrpc.org/grmi . Comments on the plan will be accepted through September 2, 2020.

2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) will hold a virtual Public Participation Meeting regarding the **2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update**. The Long Range Transportation Plan is a long-range (20+ year) strategy and capital improvement program developed to guide the effective investment of public funds in multi-modal transportation facilities. The Plan is updated every five years and is prepared by MVRPC in cooperation with local and state officials, and other coordinating agencies.

The meeting will take place via zoom but If you are unable to attend information on the **2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update** will also be available for public review on MVRPC's website at <https://plan2050.mvrpc.org/outreach/>, or at MVRPC's offices in Downtown Dayton.

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83248393179>

Meeting ID: 832 4839 3179

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Access Ohio 2045

The State of Ohio's long-range transportation plan, called **Access Ohio 2045**, is nearing completion and is available for public review and comment. To download Access Ohio 2045, go to Access.Ohio.gov. The Regional and State Plans work together to shape the transportation future of the Miami Valley.

Access Ohio 2045 will guide Ohio's transportation policies and investment strategies for the next 20 years. This Plan was developed based on input from the public and subject matter experts. After reviewing the Plan, please share your feedback by participating in a brief survey at PublicInput.com/AccessOhio2045 by August 31, 2020.

Grants & Funding Resources

On a monthly basis, MVRPC highlights several funding opportunities on our website that could benefit our member communities. We include a description, contact information and program links. We have also listed other valuable resources for finding funding opportunities.

See more at mvrpc.org/grant-and-funding-opportunities

This month we are featuring information on:

- Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants–Deadline: September 14, 2020
- Economic Development Research and National Technical Assistance – Deadline: September 30, 2020

Attached is the latest grant funding opportunities specifically regarding COVID-19:

This time we are featuring information on:

- Greene Giving Pandemic Relief Fund – Deadline: none listed
- Ohio EMS COVID-19 Grant – Deadline: December 30, 2020

If you need assistance with your grant pursuit or further research, please contact Kathryn Youra Polk, Senior Planner, at 937.223.6323 or kyoura.polk@mvrpc.org.

Upcoming MVRPC Meetings

Most meetings are being cancelled or shifted to teleconference. Please check the agency calendar on mvrpc.org or contact Teresa to find out the status of your meeting. All upcoming TAC and Board meetings will be on Zoom.

August 6 th 8:30 a.m.	Executive Committee/ CANCELLED	
August 6 th 9:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	VIA Teleconference
August 13 th 9:30 a.m.	Miami Valley Disaster Recovery Impacted Jurisdictions	VIA Teleconference
August 13 th 1:00 p.m.	Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Regional Application	
For additional information, contact Matt Lindsay at mlindsay@mvrpc.org or 937.531.6548		
August 13 th 1:00 p.m.	Great Miami River Watershed Network	VIA Teleconference
Pre-registration required https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsduuqrTwoGtVJBm0-kNMdGwHu8dfOrzeN		
August 19 th 5:00 p.m.	2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update	VIA Teleconference
August 20 th 9:30 a.m.	Technical Advisory Committee	VIA Teleconference
August 25 th 10:00 a.m.	HSTC/GRMI Coordinated Council Meeting	VIA Teleconference
August 25 th 2:30 p.m.	Regional Equity Initiative Meeting	VIA Teleconference