MIAMI VALLEY
Regional Planning Commission

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Regional Equity Initiative Subcommittee Meeting

LOCATION: MVRPC Office (6 N. Main Street, Suite 447, Dayton, OH 45402)
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Agenda

Item	Topic	Pg.	Est. Time	Presenter
I.	**Welcome & Introductions**		2:30	Rap Hankins
II.	**Program Manager's Report** • The Dayton Foundation • Great Lakes Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program • Transportation Domain		2:35	Fabrice Juin
III.	**Greater Regional Mobility Initiative (GRMI)**		2:45	Serena Anderson
IV.	**Age-Friendly Initiative Update** • Age-Friendly Alignment • Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network		3:00	Arnie Biondo
V.	**Subcommittee Chair & Member Updates/Insights** • Dayton Asset Mapping Project		3:15	All
VI.	**Native American Heritage Month**		3:30	Stephanie Van Hoose
VII.	**Other Informational Items & Next Meeting** • Upcoming Equity Engagements		3:45	Fabrice Juin
VIII.	**Closing Remarks**		4:00	Rap Hankins

****NEXT MEETING is February 24, 2026****

All Information is available on the MVRPC Committee Center
Interpreters for hearing-impaired individuals are available upon request; requests should be made at least one week ahead.

MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL EQUITY INITIATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

August 26, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Guests Present
Kemo A'akhutera, Mod Fab Inc.
Peter Benkendorf, The Collaboratory
Niani Brown, City of Dayton Innovation Team
Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights
Ellen Claiborne, Montgomery County
Taylor Curtis, YWCA Greater Cincinnati
Gwendolyn Fou, City of Trotwood
Elizabeth Gish, The Kettering Foundation
Dennis Grant, United Rehabilitation Services
Rap Hankins, REI Chairperson
Jasmine Henderson, The Good Hood Foundation
Martha-Jeannette Rodriguez, City of Dayton
Sara Lommatzsch, MVRPC Chairperson
Julio Mateo, The Kettering Foundation
Nancy McHugh, The Fitz Center
Christina Mendez, Dayton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Adriane Miller, Nurturing Community, Cultivating Justice
Richard Schultze, Concerned Citizen
Danny Steck, NCCJ
Stephanie Van Hoose, REACH Indigenous Advocacy
Jamaica White, City of Trotwood

Staff
Bryce Gullett
Fabrice Juin
Matthew Lindsay
Brian O. Martin
Megan Young

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission hosted the Regional Equity Initiative Sub-Committee meeting on August 26, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and via Zoom Video Conference**.**

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Rap Hankins called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Self-introductions were made.

II. THE COMMUNITY-FIRST ENERGY PLAN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR THE MIAMI VALLEY

Mr. Lindsay presented the Community-First Energy Plan, developed under the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, outlining a regional strategy to cut climate pollution, strengthen resilience, improve public health, and create jobs. He emphasized collaboration among governments, businesses, and residents to expand renewable energy, boost energy efficiency, and promote cleaner transportation. Mr. Lindsay highlighted the region's strong legacy of environmental leadership and called the plan the next major investment in a sustainable future for the Miami Valley.

Mr. Lindsay explained that the plan is built on two years of technical analysis and public engagement, identifying key pathways to reduce emissions beyond "business as usual." Mr. Lindsay noted that commercial buildings, housing, and transportation account for about 80% of local emissions, with the majority of reductions expected from renewable electricity and energy efficiency improvements. He emphasized that while the plan does not achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, Mr. Lindsay stated it positions the region to meet or exceed national targets for 2030 and 2035, create over 100,000 person-years of employment, reduce household energy costs, and cut fine particulate air pollution by

70%. Mr. Lindsay highlighted that the Community-First Energy Plan includes over 30 recommended implementation programs organized into six “Big Moves”: Affordable & Sustainable Buildings, Clean Transportation for All, Clean Energy, Re-Energized & Clean Industrial Sectors, Circular Economy, and Leadership & Democracy. He further reported that a 30-day public comment period and virtual meeting were held, and Mr. Lindsay concluded that the final plan now stands as a comprehensive climate action plan for the Miami Valley region.

III. FY26 PROGRAM FOCUS

Mr. Juin provided an overview of current priorities and initiatives for the Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities. He began by outlining the Institute’s three primary focus domains for the fiscal year: Transportation, Technology & Connectivity, and Health & Environment. Transportation remains the Institute’s most direct area of influence, while Technology & Connectivity has been identified as a growing regional need without a current lead organization. The Health & Environment domain aligns closely with existing internal initiatives and builds on the Institute’s history with the Environmental Justice Academy. Proposed co-leads for these domains include the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority and Drive Electric Dayton for Transportation; the Miami Valley Communications Council and Dayton Metro Libraries for Technology & Connectivity; and the Environmental Justice Academy for Health & Environment. Mr. Juin emphasized that while these domains will remain priorities throughout the fiscal year, they will continue to evolve based on agency capacity, regional needs, and input from Institute leaders and contributors. The Institute is also seeking qualified organizations and subject-matter experts to serve as domain co-leads, with the goal of expanding regional collaboration and impact.

Mr. Juin also reported on progress from the Data & Metrics workgroup, which has been meeting regularly to establish a framework for improving regional livability and reducing equity disparities, particularly among vulnerable populations. This work will continue to align with interagency strategic planning and guidance from Institute leaders.

Regarding collaborative funding, Mr. Juin reiterated the goal of securing the Institute’s first non-local, non-government award. Current opportunities being evaluated include the Rural and Municipal Utility Advances Cybersecurity Grant, the NEH Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence program, the U.S. DOT All Stations Accessibility Program, and the Growing Justice Grants initiative.

Lastly, Mr. Juin discussed efforts to align the Age-Friendly Initiative with the Regional Equity Initiative, noting that the Institute is advancing concrete steps to connect these programs and promote a more integrated, equitable approach to regional livability.

IV. HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH & THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Ms. Christina Mendez, Executive Director of the Dayton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on events and activities in the Miami Valley celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. She noted that access to Spanish-translated materials remains extremely limited in the Dayton region, despite Spanish being the second most commonly spoken language in the United States. To kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, a concert will be held at the Levitt Pavilion on September 6th, followed by PACO at Riverscape on September 20th. Ms. Mendez also noted that two Hispanic festivals previously planned in Springfield and Middletown have been cancelled.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR & MEMBER UPDATES

Several subcommittee members provided updates on events and activities taking place around the Miami Valley. Peter Benkendorf announced that the first annual Dayton River Roots Festival will be held on October 4th. Julio Mateo shared information about the Dayton Democracy Summit, which will take place on October 27th at Sinclair and is hosted by the Kettering Foundation. Stephanie Van Hoose reported on the upcoming REACH Festival in November, noting that Wright State University will no longer be hosting the event. Brian Martin informed the group that Fabrice Juin is in the process of obtaining his 5307 Transit Planner Certification. Finally, Rap Hankins announced that Drive Electric Dayton has received approval to become the Electric Vehicle Association of Ohio.

VI. ACTION ITEMS, FOLLOW-UP, & NEXT MEETING

A survey will be sent out in the next REI Update for subcommittee members to choose a new meeting time. Lunch will no longer be provided and the meeting time will be shortened.

VII. CLOSING REMARKS

Chairperson Rap Hankins adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities

Regional Equity Initiative Subcommittee

November 25, 2025

Program Manager's Report:
Recent Funding Awards

Transitional Funding

(The Dayton Foundation)

- Since 2019, The Dayton Foundation has helped convene and co-fund the Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities contributing $750,000 over this time.

- The Dayton Foundation recently added $75,000 to this original contribution, to assist with the financial transition of the Institute; directed to fund and support work to better align the Regional Equity Initiative and the Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network.

Great Lakes Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (Minneapolis Foundation via US EPA)

- The program's goal is to lift up community-led innovation and strengthen community-based groups towards environmental and public health efforts in underserved communities.
- $150,000 via Tier 1: Assessment & Engagement; to increase understanding of local environmental and public health issues.
- In partnership with the Westwood Right Project.

Program Manager's Report: Transportation Domain

Within the Agency

- *"Driving a car shouldn't be the only way to get around. Public transit, coordinated mobility and human service transportation systems, integrated freight and logistics systems, walkability, and bike-friendliness contribute to livable, equitable and lively communities for all."*

- MPO & RTPO
- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) & Short Range Plan (TIP)
- Active Transportation Plan (ATP)
- CMAQ, CR, STP, TA
- GOhio Commute & Public Education Campaigns

Greater Regional Mobility Initiative (GRMI)

- The Greater Region Mobility Initiative (GRMI) is an effort led by 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 by enhancing options for non-driving populations such as older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income populations.
- The Greater Region Mobility Alliance is a group of public, private, and non-profit transportation providers and seniors and individuals with disabilities who work together to solve gaps in transportation services within an 8-county area.

Greater Region Mobility Initiative

Who Are We

Vision

The Greater Region Mobility Initiative promotes regional mobility by identifying and addressing transportation barriers.

Image source: https://www.sharedmobilityprinciples.org/resources

Mission

To improve transportation services and reduce transportation barriers through expanded outreach, resource sharing, and streamlined and coordinated services in an 8-county region.

www.mvrpc.org/mobility

Alliance

Brings together public, private, not-for-profit transportation, human service providers and transportation users to advance the mission and vision of the Greater Region Mobility Initiative.

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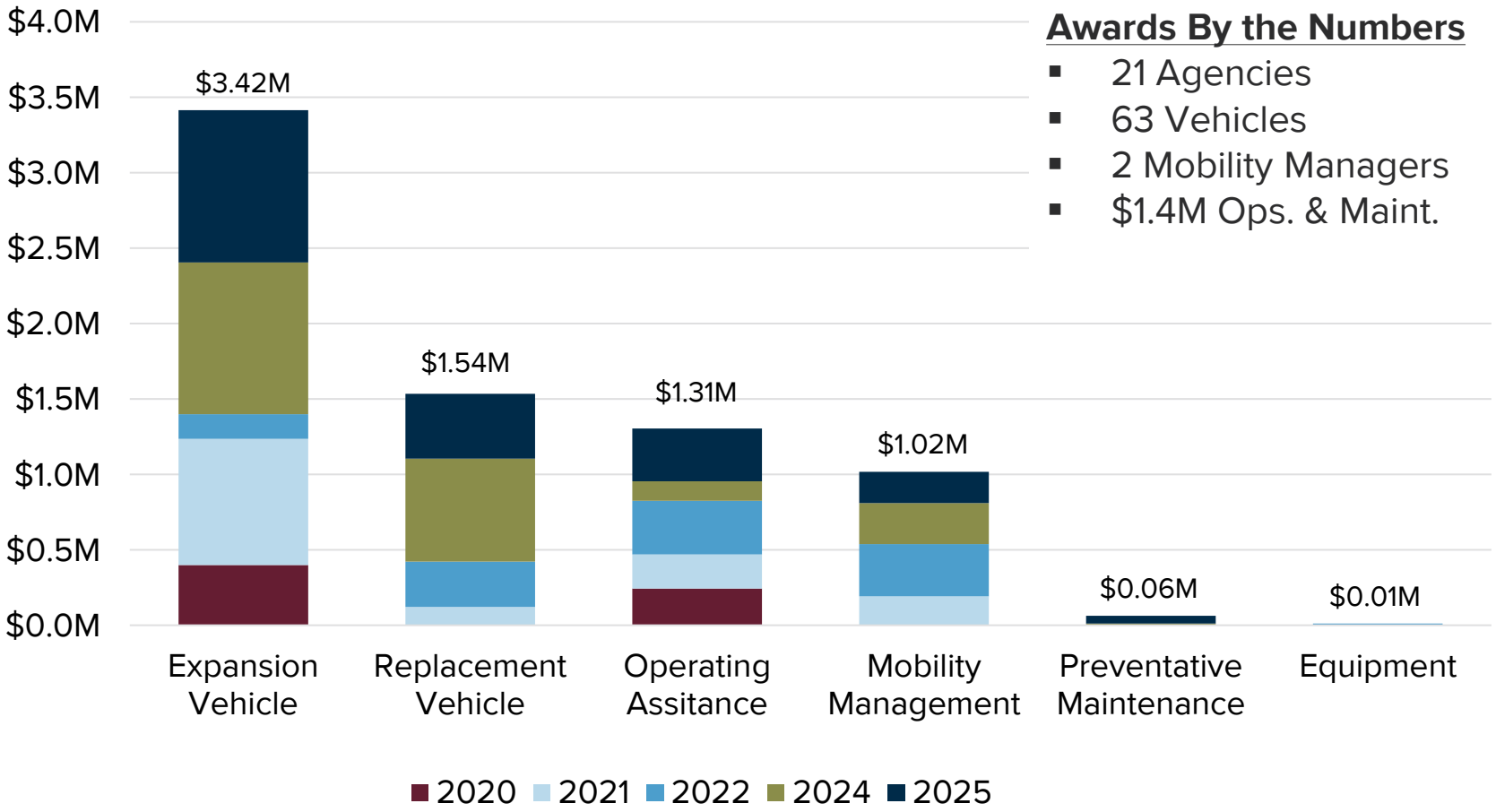
How We Achieve Our Goals

Grants



Awards By the Numbers

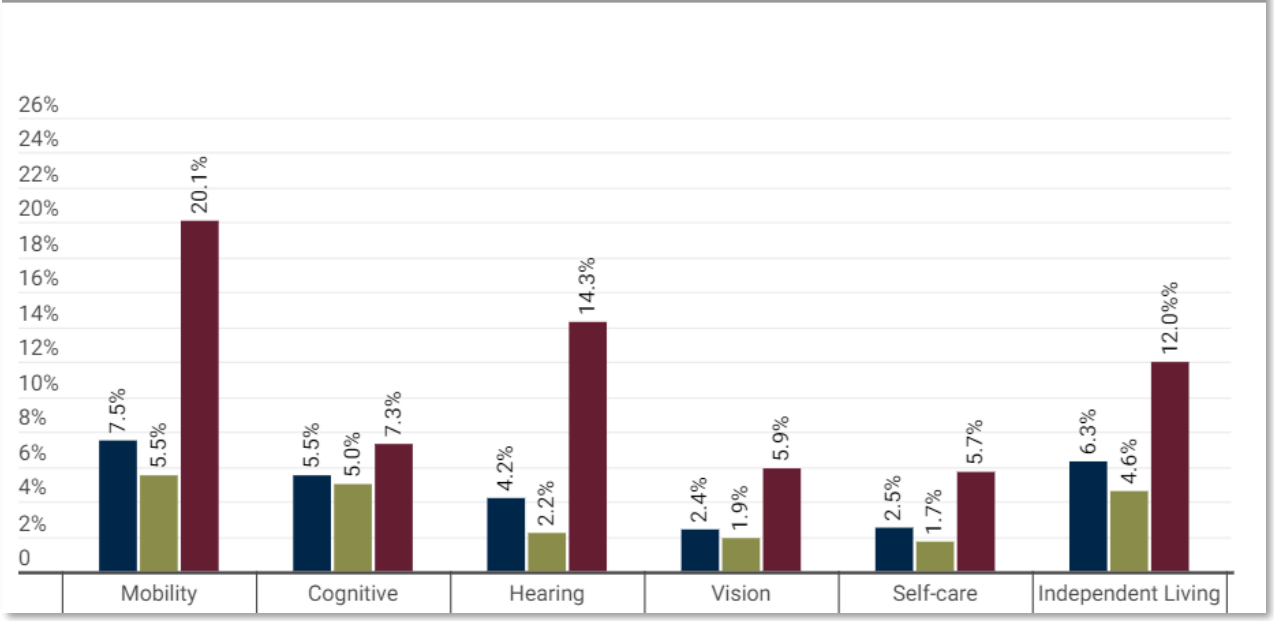
- 21 Agencies
- 63 Vehicles
- 2 Mobility Managers
- $1.4M Ops. & Maint.

Data

The Greater Region has 162,694 **adults 18+ living with a disability,** this equals to **14.3% of total population** or **1 in 7**

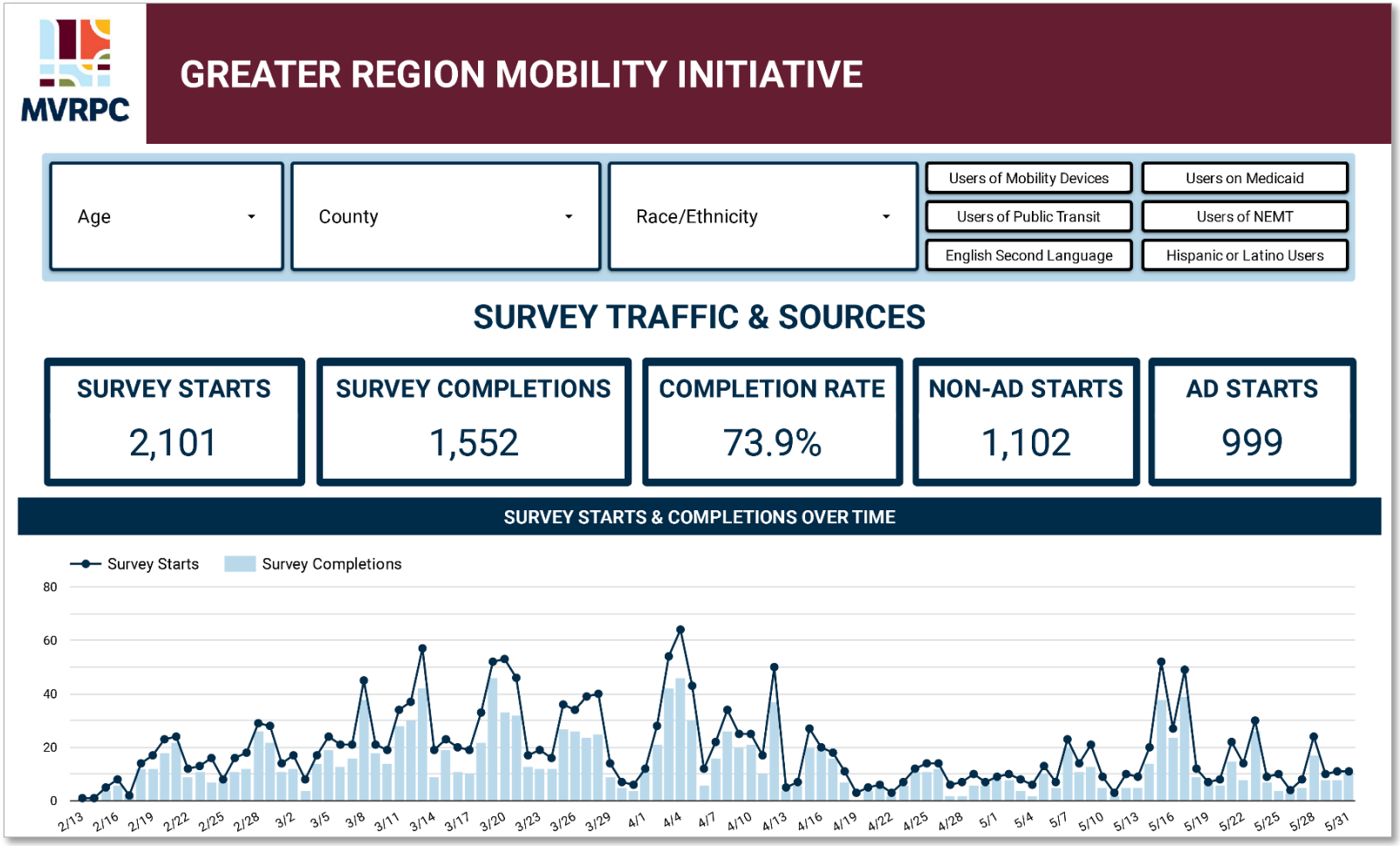
The Greater Region has 68,767 **adults 65+ living with a disability,** **this equals to 32.8% of older adult population** or **1 in 3**

Older adults living in the Greater Region are 2.5x more likely to be living with a disability



www.mvrpc.org/mobility/demographics

Outreach



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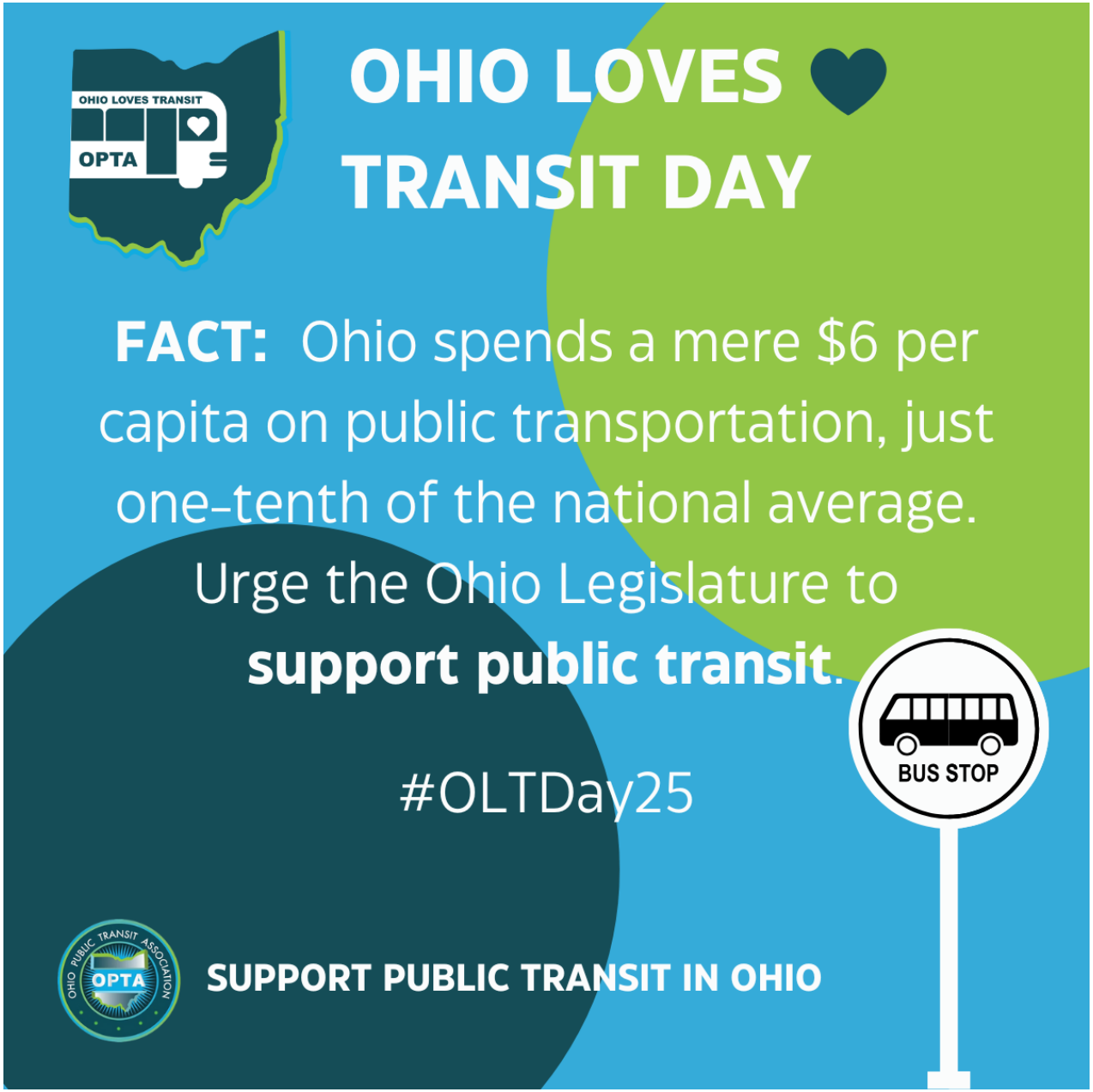
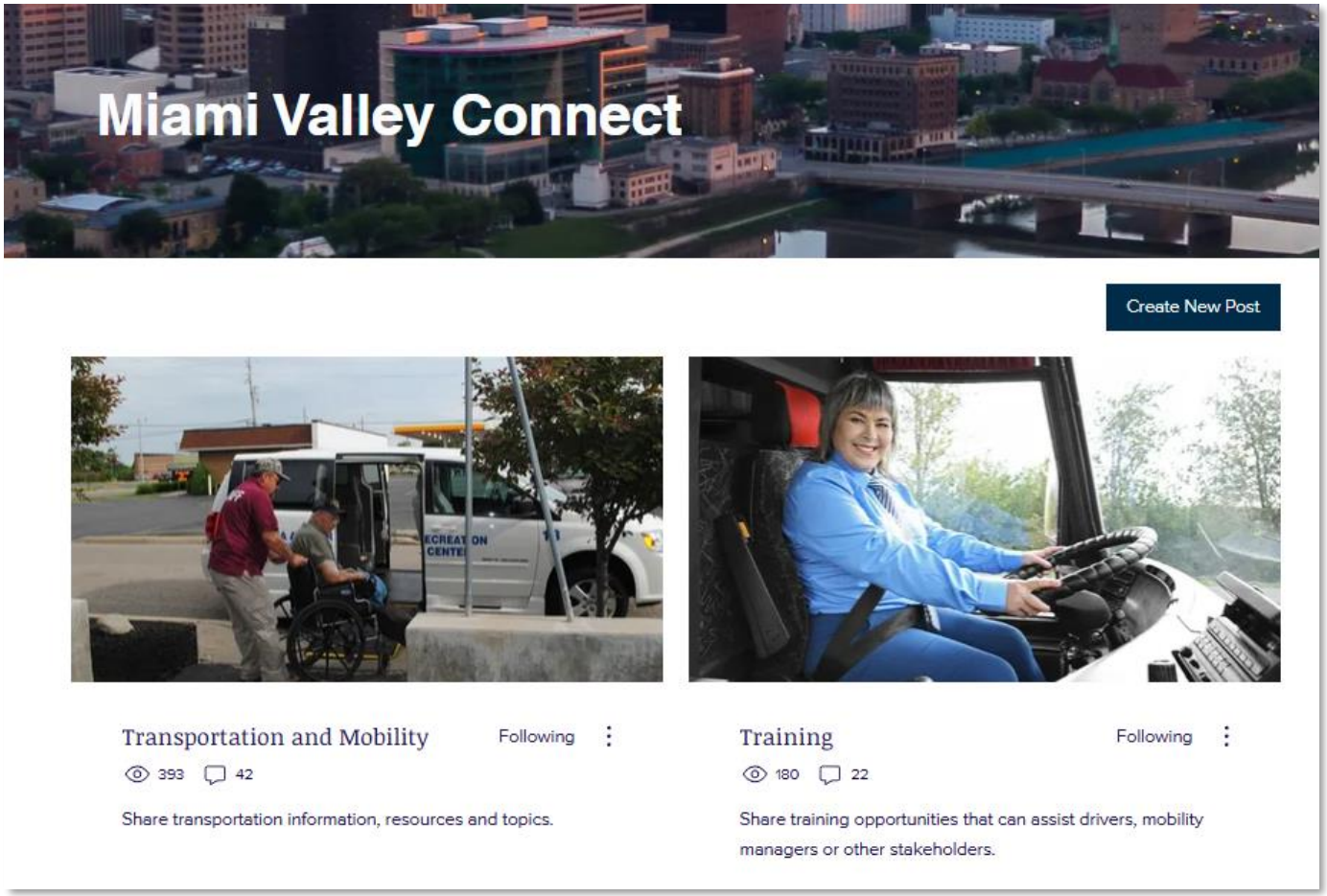
Advocacy


OHIO LOVES TRANSIT
OPTA
OHIO LOVES TRANSIT DAY
FACT: Ohio spends a mere $6 per capita on public transportation, just one-tenth of the national average.
Urge the Ohio Legislature to support public transit.
#OLTDay25
BUS STOP
OHIO PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION
OPTA
SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSIT IN OHIO

Networking



www.discussion.mvrpc.org

Networking

GREATER REGION MOBILITY INITIATIVE

SAVE the DATE

Greater Region Mobility Alliance
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Edison State Community College
1973 Edison Drive, North Hall Room 010A, Piqua, OH 45356

Questions or Follow-up

Serena Anderson

Regional Transit Programs Manager

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GRMI Plan: mvrpc.org/mobility

Miami Valley Age-Friendly Communities

Your Community can be Age-Friendly, Too!

MIAMI VALLEY
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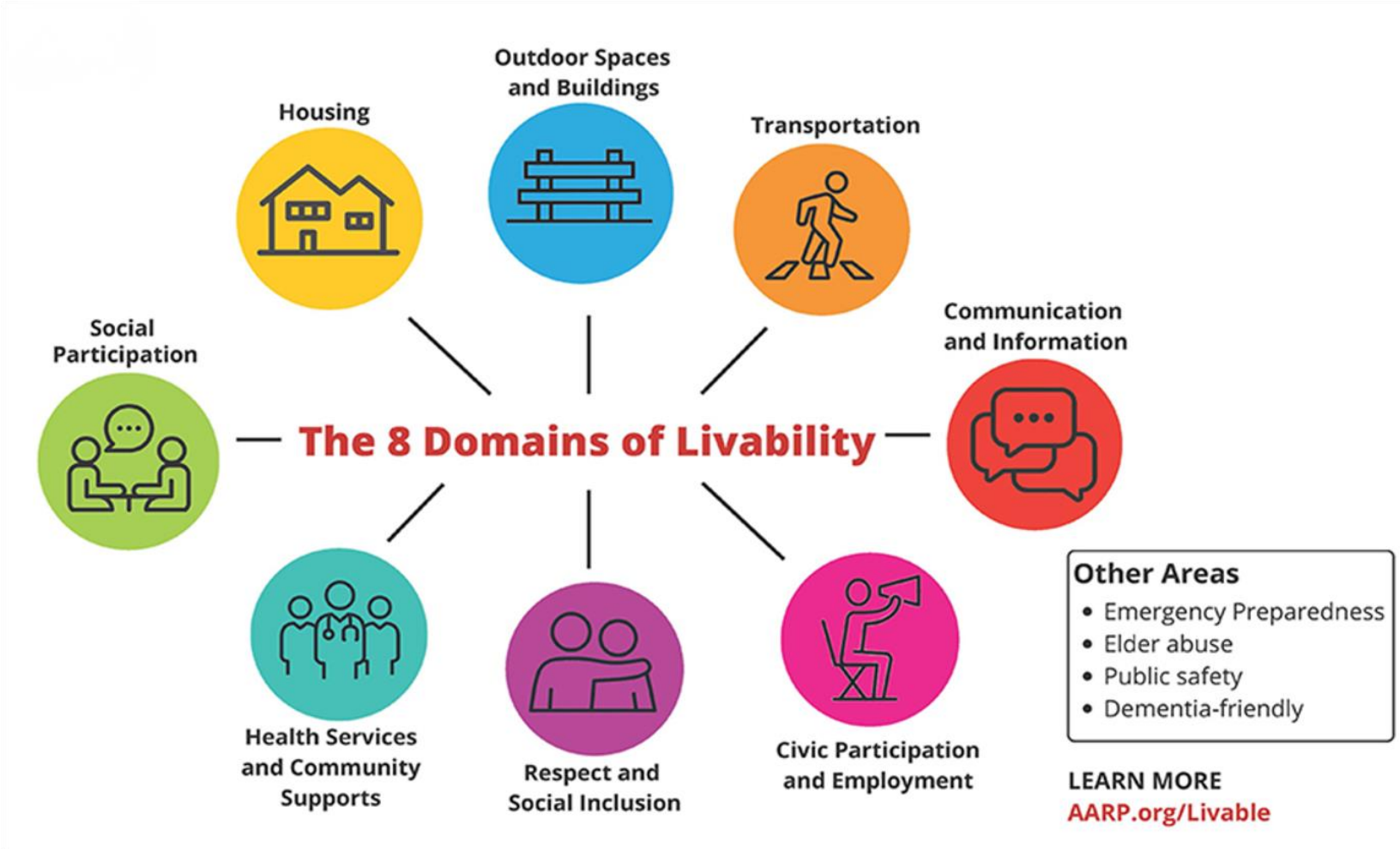
INSTITUTE FOR LIVABLE & EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES

AGING:
SO COOL
EVERYBODY IS
DOING IT!

What is Age-Friendly?

...a catalyst to educate local leaders ... and encourage them to implement the types of changes that ***make communities more livable for people of all ages, especially older adults.***



Why become an Age-Friendly Community?

- Benefits all ages & abilities
- Your community is getting older
  - 35% of the population is over the age of 50
  - https://datastories.aarp.org/the-lived-experience-of-adults-50-plus/population-statistics/index.html
- Become more attractive to businesses
- Ensure strong local tax base
  - $0.56 of every dollar is spent by people 50 years and over
  - https://www.aarp.org/pri/topics/work-finances-retirement/economics-aging/longevity-economy-outlook/
  - 70% of disposable income is held by people 60 and over." (Michael W. Hodin, CEO of Global Coalition on Aging.)
- Maintain active, valuable volunteer cadre

Plus, you'll be in really good company!

Miami Valley Age-Friendly Cohort

1. Miami County
2. Harrison Twp
3. Washington Twp
4. Beavercreek
5. Beavercreek Twp
6. Bellbrook
7. Brookville
8. Centerville
9. Dayton
10. Huber Heights
11. Jefferson Twp
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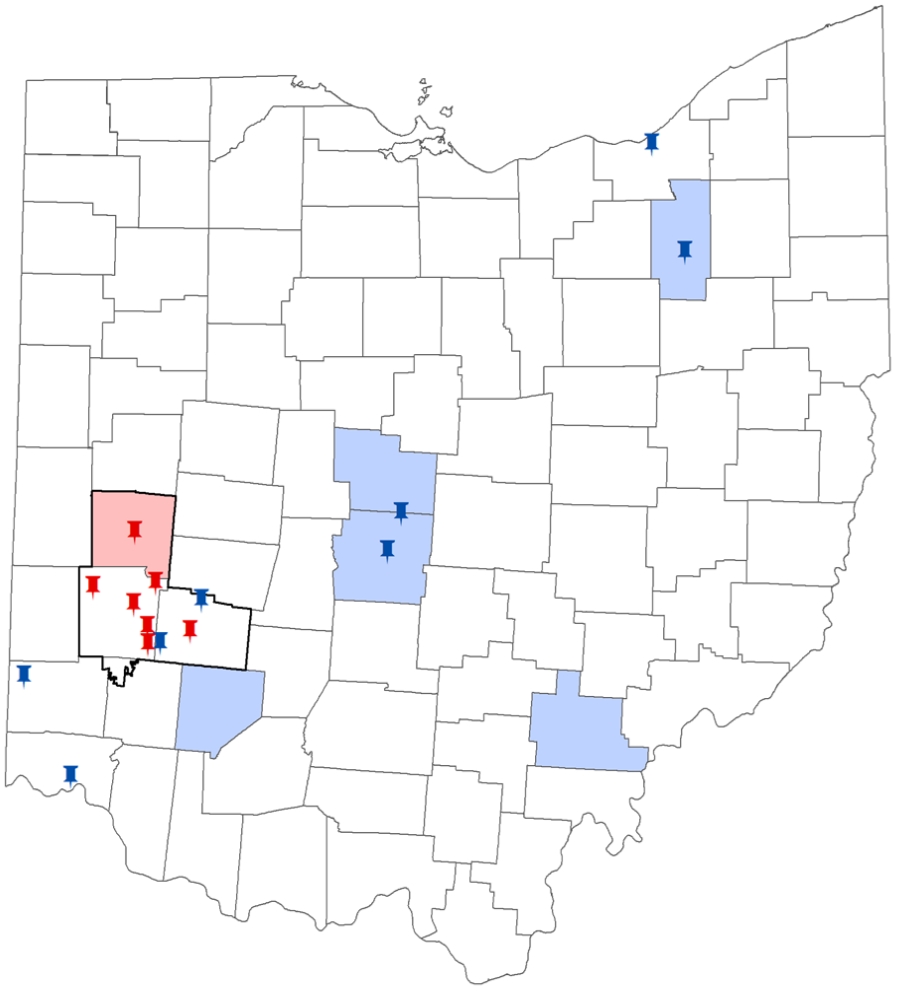
17. Yellow Springs



Coalition of Age-Friendly Communities Ohio

- Athens County
- Clinton County
- Delaware County
- Franklin County
- Summit County
- Akron
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Cincinnati
- Oxford
- Westerville
- …and others

https://states.aarp.org/ohio/age-friendly-ohio

AARP Age-Friendly Communities Designation Process

Enrollment – AARP Age- Friendly States & Communities

Year 1: Conduct a survey And/Or listening sessions

Year 2: Create an action plan

Years 3-5: Implementation

Year 5: Progress /status update

Money

- The Dayton Foundation, DelMar Health Fund
- Grants for needs assessment, and Action Plan Implementation…
- ***…As you just witnessed***

Minimal staff effort…
Use your free, in-house consultant!

- The Age Friendly Encore Fellow…
- Main Job: *help to make your plan a success!*

Resources

❑ **Apply to join the AARP network:**
https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2014/sample-letters.html

❑ **Check out AARP resources:**

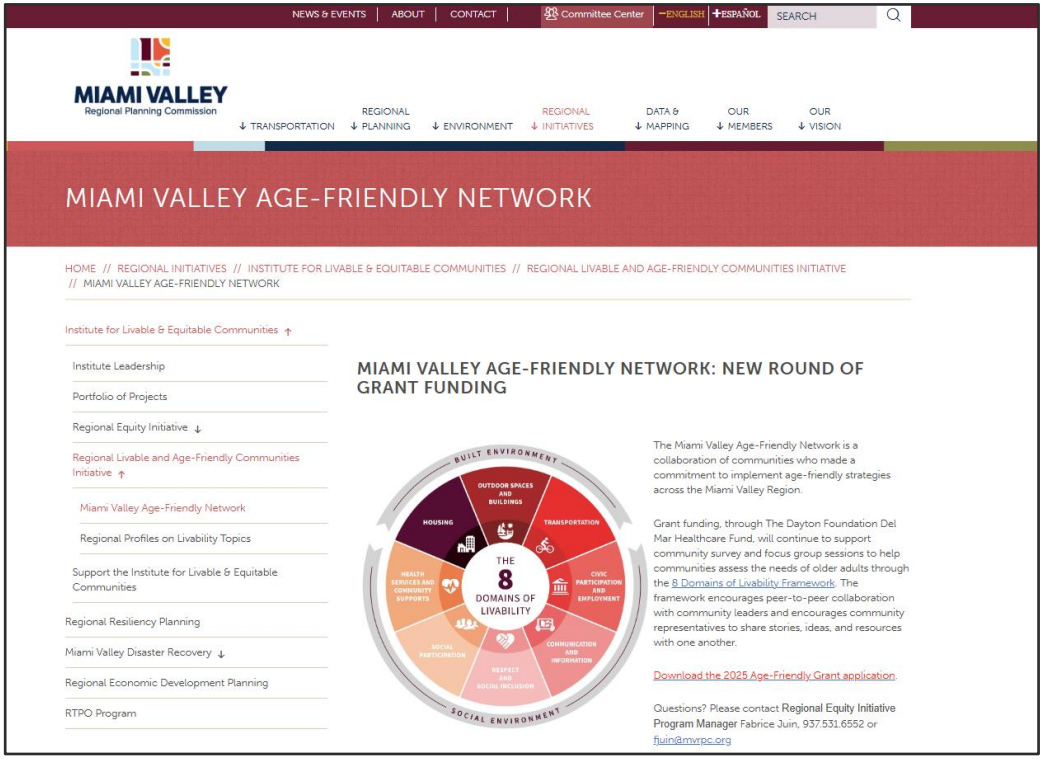
- Age-Friendly Network Training Videos: https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/age-friendly-training-videos/
- Guide Books: https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/tool-kits-resources/info-2017/roadmap-to-livability-collection.html
- Livability Index Score: https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/

❑ **Review survey options:**
https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/info-2014/aarp-community-survey-questionnaire.html

To summarize…

- ***The question may be, Why wouldn't a community want in on this?***

Questions?



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