

GOING PLACES IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS

TOOL F

PRIORITY #2: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL COLLABORATION

FORUM FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Overview: A forum with a broad cross section of leaders and stakeholders from the Miami Valley region would be convened on a regular basis to share perspectives on regional challenges, opportunities, and coordination efforts. The forum would occur at least once per year and would be designed and promoted to focus on important regional issues and the identification of regional priorities and initiatives.

MVRPC Role: MVRPC will coordinate and host this forum, and will be a liaison during regional discussions hosted by other agencies.

Potential Partners: Partners may include, but are not limited to, MVRPC members, local economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, homebuilders associations, boards of realtors, and the Miami Valley section of American Planning Association.

Local Benefits

- Open interjurisdictional conversation
- Enable local jurisdictions to help establish regional priorities
- Improved quality of decision making

Regional Benefits

- Broaden support & understanding of local issues
- Facilitate more effective use of limited resources
- Improved quality of decision making

EXAMPLE:
PITTSBURGH'S
CONGRESS OF
NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES



TOOL G

PRIORITY #2: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL COLLABORATION

TARGETED SUBGROUPS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC ISSUES OF LOCAL JURISDICTION COORDINATION

Overview: MVRPC would help connect and convene willing key participants to identify shared solutions for specific local and regional challenges. Upon request, MVRPC would help organize and facilitate meetings between groups while supporting the search for solutions to specific issues identified by local jurisdictions and agencies. MVRPC would provide staff support, meeting space, and information to support the group's decision-making process. Topics would be selected by the participants.

MVRPC Role: MVRPC will serve as a host for jurisdictions and agencies that request this service. MVRPC will provide other staff support including best practices research, data and mapping.

Potential Partners: Potential partners would include, but are not limited to, local jurisdictions, government agencies, organizations, school districts, utilities, libraries, and others.

Local Benefits

- Get all stakeholders to the table including non governmental organizations, ad hoc groups, individuals
- Help prioritize regional projects
- Improved quality of decision making

Regional Benefits

- Focus resources
- Work regionally
- Improved cooperation

EXAMPLE:
CINCINNATI'S
AGENDA 360



TOOL H

PRIORITY #3: BUILD THE REGION'S CAPACITY FOR SOLUTIONS

REGIONAL COLLABORATION TRAINING PROGRAM

Overview: A regional collaboration training program would provide interested regional stakeholders wanting to enhance cross-discipline and organizational collaboration skills with an opportunity for learning specific, actionable skills and techniques to help them build consensus, manage conflict constructively and establish a basis for shared action around common goals held by individuals and interest groups. The training would be designed to enhance available training opportunities already available to elected and appointed officials, members of nonprofit organizations and interested members of the public. This program will serve as a foundation for and facilitate advancing the Regional Stewardship goal in MVRPC's Strategic Plan.

MVRPC Role: MVRPC will help convene and provide support for the coordination of the program.

Potential Partners: Partners may include local jurisdictions, regional agencies, and organizations and higher education institutions.

Local Benefits

- Help get people involved
- Understand government workings and their responsibilities

Regional Benefits

- Create a culture of regionalism
- Increase citizen participation
- Increase awareness of regional issues and challenges

EXAMPLE:
COLUMBUS'S
ED411

