

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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**MIAMI VALLEY**

Regional Planning Commission

Shaping Our Region's Future Together

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## **MVRPC Hosts the first Greater Region Coordinating Council Meeting**

The Greater Region Mobility Initiative (GRMI), led by MVRPC under the guidance and funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), collects data, coordinates input, and develops strategies for a transportation coordination plan for the nine-county region. The program started in January 2018 and the first year is well underway. Monday, June 18, 2018 marked the first GRMI council meeting at the Troy-Miami County Public Library with approximately 30 participants. All nine counties covered by GRMI were represented. Stakeholders included public transit agencies, senior centers, developmental disability agencies, mobility managers, and other human service agencies.



Following an overview of the program, attendees participated in a SWOT analysis designed to identify the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats to coordinated transportation in their areas. Participant vote determined the top three items in each category for the region. The following table shows the top four responses from the SWOT analysis.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
1. Passion for mission	1. Lack of funding	1. Urban to rural pick up/drop off points	1. Funding: limited, urban concentrated, low reimbursement, inability to share funds, local support
2. Mobility management	2. Last minute calls	2. Increasing local support	2. Driver responsibilities are high and pay is low
3. Customer service	3. Crossing boundaries	3. Regional networking	3. Other: bed bugs, drugs, hazardous bodily fluids
4. Knowledge of demographics and travel patterns	4. Aging vehicles	4. County to county coordination	4. High driver & staff turnover

The agenda for future quarterly meetings will follow up on the SWOT analysis responses and work toward the creation of the Greater Region's coordination plan. In the planning study, we will host a similar work session with transit users as they can provide input from their first-hand experiences. For more information on the GRMI project, please contact Kim Lahman at [klahman@mvrpc.org](mailto:klahman@mvrpc.org) or 937.223.6323.

## Making Their Community Better for those that Walk and Roll

In September of 2017, MVRPC conducted a Complete Streets Policy workshop for the Village of Yellow Springs. The day included an overview of policy elements, benefits from having a policy, and a walking audit of the Village. Since that workshop, staff and council have really taken the ball and run with it. In December, the council adopted the Village's new [Complete Streets Policy](#). An active transportation plan was created using an Ohio Department of Transportation grant. The Village and Toole Design Group started the planning process in March. Meanwhile, the Village's Active Transportation Committee helped merged with the Bike Yellow Springs chapter of Bike Miami Valley. Due to these efforts, the Village was designated by the League of American Bicyclists as the Region's fifth Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community!

MVRPC staff served on the advisory committee for the Active Transportation planning process, along with Village residents, Greene CATS, and advocates for the disabled from the community. At the end of June, a public open house meeting was held on the project and policy



recommendations in the plan. As always, the citizens of Yellow Springs were engaged and came out to the meeting in numbers. Upgrading sidewalks and crossings along major corridors in the Village were a favored priority among the committee and the public. Concepts for redesigns of West South College Street and the intersection of Xenia Ave. and Corry

Street were also popular topics. The final plan will include short, medium, and long-term priorities, and MVRPC looks forward to working with the Village on funding options for plan priorities and public outreach.

## Grants & Funding Resources

On a monthly basis, MVRPC is highlighting several funding opportunities on our website that could benefit communities in the Region. 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](http://mvrpc.org/grant-and-funding-opportunities)

This month we are featuring information on:

- National Endowment for the Arts - Our Town Program– Deadline: August 9, 2018.
- Ohio History Fund – Deadline: September 5, 2018.

If you need assistance with your grant pursuit or further research, please contact Martin Kim, Director of Regional Planning, at 937.223.6323 or [mkim@mvrpc.org](mailto:mkim@mvrpc.org).

## Upcoming MVRPC Meetings

7/10/18	9:00 a.m.	OARC Candidates Forum: Hilton Downtown, 401 N. High St., Columbus, OH
7/19/18	9:30 a.m.	Technical Advisory Committee: MVRPC, 10 N. Ludlow St. Ste 700, Dayton, OH
7/24/18	9:30 a.m.	Storm Water Management Sustainability Roundtable, 10 N. Ludlow St. Ste. 700, Dayton, OH
8/02/18	8:30 a.m.	Executive Committee: Dayton Realtors, 1515 S. Main St., Dayton, OH
8/02/18	9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors: Dayton Realtors, 1515 S. Main St., Dayton, OH