



## 2022 Agenda: *Unboxing our Region*

### Wednesday, June 15

Mobile Tours & Reception

2:00 P.M – 4:00 P.M.

Rickenbacker International Airport Tour

4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception at The Fortress Obetz

### Thursday, June 16

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration Open

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Opening Plenary Session with Breakfast - Intel Panel Discussion

Description: The arrival of Intel, a multinational technology company, to Central Ohio is largely considered the biggest economic development project in the free world and is expected to be the most transformative economic development project in recent Ohio history. Impacts of Intel and its extensive supplier network are anticipated statewide, especially in the freight and trucking industry. During this Plenary session, leaders from JobsOhio, Ohio Department of Transportation, and Intel Corporation will discuss how this historic investment will affect our economic future.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

**Break**

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

**Breakout Sessions**

**Room: C170**

**Title:** ODOT's Freight Plan - Transport Ohio Data Dashboard Debut

**Description:** ODOT recently completed an update to the Ohio statewide freight plan. This plan update, known as Transport Ohio, not only provides more insight into how our state is doing in terms of its freight-reliant economy and freight mobility – it also enhances the applicability of freight planning strategies through access to data. Prepare to get freight savvy through the Transport Ohio Data Dashboard.

**Moderator:** Maria Schaper, *Associate Director, Transportation Planning, MORPC*

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**Speakers:**

Mark Locker, Project Manager; Freight, Maritime & Logistics, Ohio Department of Transportation

Erika Witske, Associate Vice President, US CPCS

**Room: C171**

**Title:** Cleveland Region Freight Highlights

**Description:** Join this session to learn about freight-related activities as highlighted by speakers from the Port of Cleveland, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

**Moderator:** Anabel Pederson, Economic Development Planner, MORPC

**Speakers:**

Dave Gutheil, Chief Commercial Officer, Port of Cleveland

Lawrence Hall, Senior Planner, NOACA

**Room: C172**

**Title:** Advanced Air Mobility: What do Unmanned Aircraft Systems Mean for Freight?

**Description:** Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) technology, known as drone technology, has the potential to transform industries and to create new ones. Drive Ohio has excelled in the researching UAS, and the infrastructure needed to give Ohio the best chance at taking part in this emerging mode. Drive Ohio will share their research on the freight applications of UAS.

**Moderator:** Thea Ewing, Chief Regional Development Officer, MORPC

**Speakers:**

Fred Judson, Director, Ohio UAS Center

Beth Flippo, Chief Executive Officer, Drone Express

Matt McCrink, Research Scientist, Aerospace Research Center, The Ohio State University

Paul Hedding, President, Hedding Aerospace Engineering



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Jacob Rutledge, IT Project Coordination Manager at UPS  
Flight Forward, UPS

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

### **Break**

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Plenary Session – Understanding Freight Policy & the Infrastructure Bill

Description: For decades, infrastructure in Ohio and across the nation, at local and regional entities have struggled to invest in the full potential of their infrastructure for economic development. To assist with addressing this problem, Congress approved the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Ohio is expected to receive \$9.2 billion for federal-aid highway-apportioned programs and \$483 million for bridge replacement over the next five years. During the plenary session, learn from leaders and experts in freight planning and transportation infrastructure on how we can best utilize the funds provided by the Infrastructure Bill.

**Moderator:** Thea Ewing, MORPC

**Panelists:** (include pictures)

Zakee Bashir, Manager, Columbus Region Logistics Council

Matt Dietrich, Executive Director, Ohio Rail Development Commission

Mark Locker, Project Manager; Freight, Maritime & Logistics, Ohio Department of Transportation

Alex Beres, Transportation Policy Analyst, United States Department of Transportation

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM

### **Break**

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

### **Breakout Sessions**

**Room: C170**

**Title:** Excellence in Freight: Cincinnati Region Freight Planning

**Description:** The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments' (OKI) freight transportation planner will lead an informal, interactive conversation with the audience around the agency's recent use of data and

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private partnerships to develop a new freight plan and to obtain new federal funding in support of safe, reliable, and efficient freight transport for the Cincinnati Tristate region.

**Moderator:** Maria Schaper, Associate Director, Transportation Planning, MORPC

**Speaker:** Robyn Bancroft, OKI Strategic Initiatives Manager, OKI

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**Title:** National Electric Vehicles Infrastructure (NEVI) - What's the Plan?

**Description:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill establishes a National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program (“NEVI Formula”) to provide funding to States to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and to establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability. Drive Ohio, as lead agency, will share what Ohio’s plans are to take advantage of the NEVI formula.

**Moderator:** Megan Stein, Economic Development Officer, MORPC

**Speakers:**

Preeti Choudhay, Executive Director, DriveOhio

Katie Zahnder, Transportation Innovation Leader, HNTB

Brandon Jones, Consulting Services Manager, Clean Fuels Ohio

Marie McConnell, Campaigns Organizer, Electrification Coalition

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**Title:** Best Practices of Freight Planning & Freight Rail Design

**Description:** According to the Association of American Railroads, the U.S. freight rail network is widely considered the largest, safest, and most cost-efficient freight system in the world. The freight rail network offers significant benefits to the transportation industry including reductions in road congestion, fuel consumption, greenhouse gases, cost of



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logistics, and public infrastructure maintenance costs. Join HDR in this session as they dive into Best Practices in Freight Planning and Rial Design to maximize the efficiencies of the fright application in the rail network.

**Moderator:** Anabel Pederson, Economic Development Planner, MORPC

**Speakers:**

Keith Bucklew, Freight Planning Practice Leader, HDR

Nabil Hamadani, Senior Rail Bridge Engineer, HDR

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Adjourn Snack outside breakout session rooms