

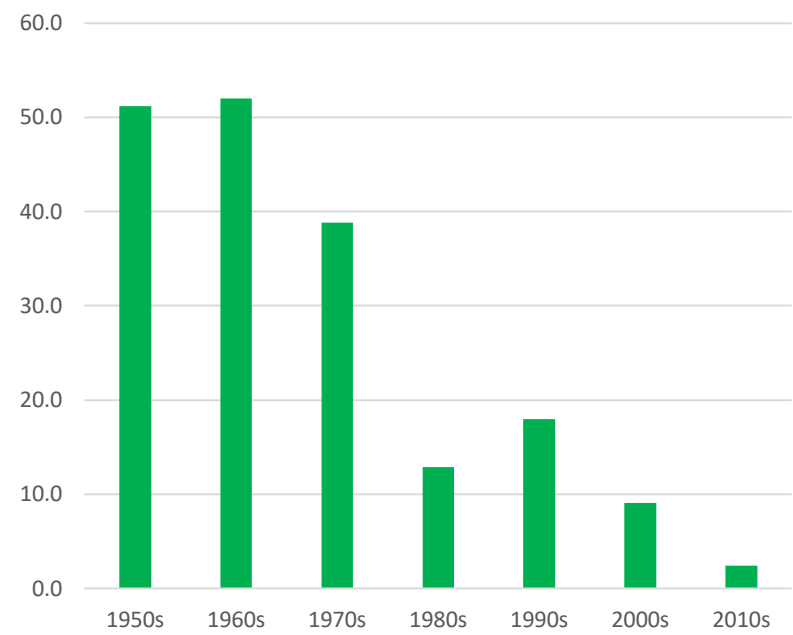
HOW WILL WE GROW?

THE CITY OF
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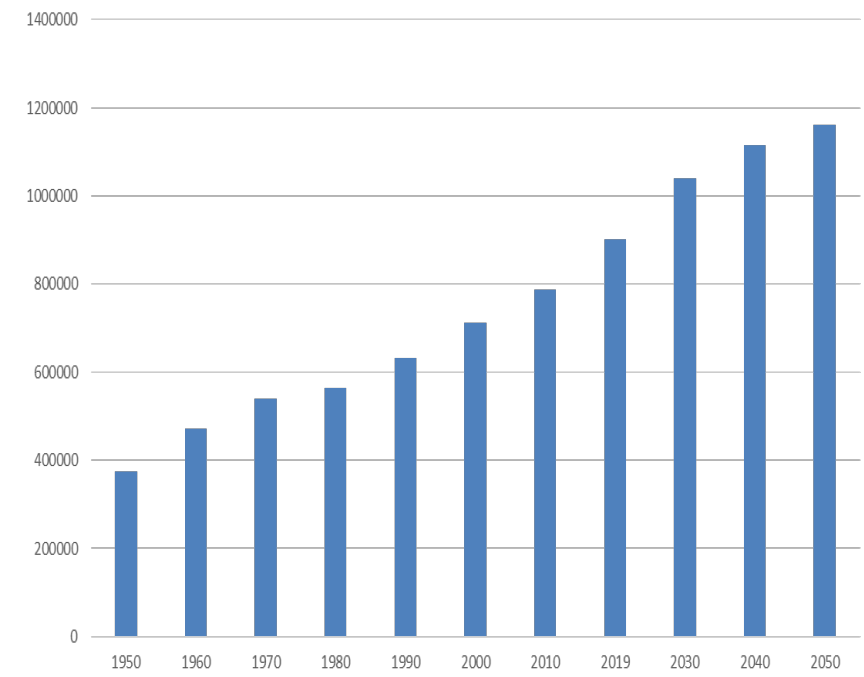
January 2021

GROWTH TRENDS

Annexation



Population



Source: US Census, City Records, MORPC Estimates

COLUMBUS

and Surrounding Municipalities

1950

1950 POPULATION

Bexley: 12,378	New Albany: 268
Canal Winchester: 1,194	Obetz: 1,049
Columbus: 375,901	Reynoldsburg: 784
Dublin: 289	Riverlea: 324
Gahanna: 596	Upper Arlington: 9,024
Grandview Heights: 7,659	Urbancrest: 823
Grove City: 2,339	Valleyview: 611
Groveport: 1,165	Westerville: 4,112
Hilliard: 610	Whitehall: 4,877
Marble Cliff: 437	Worthington: 2,141
Minerva Park: 232	

Franklin County: 503,410

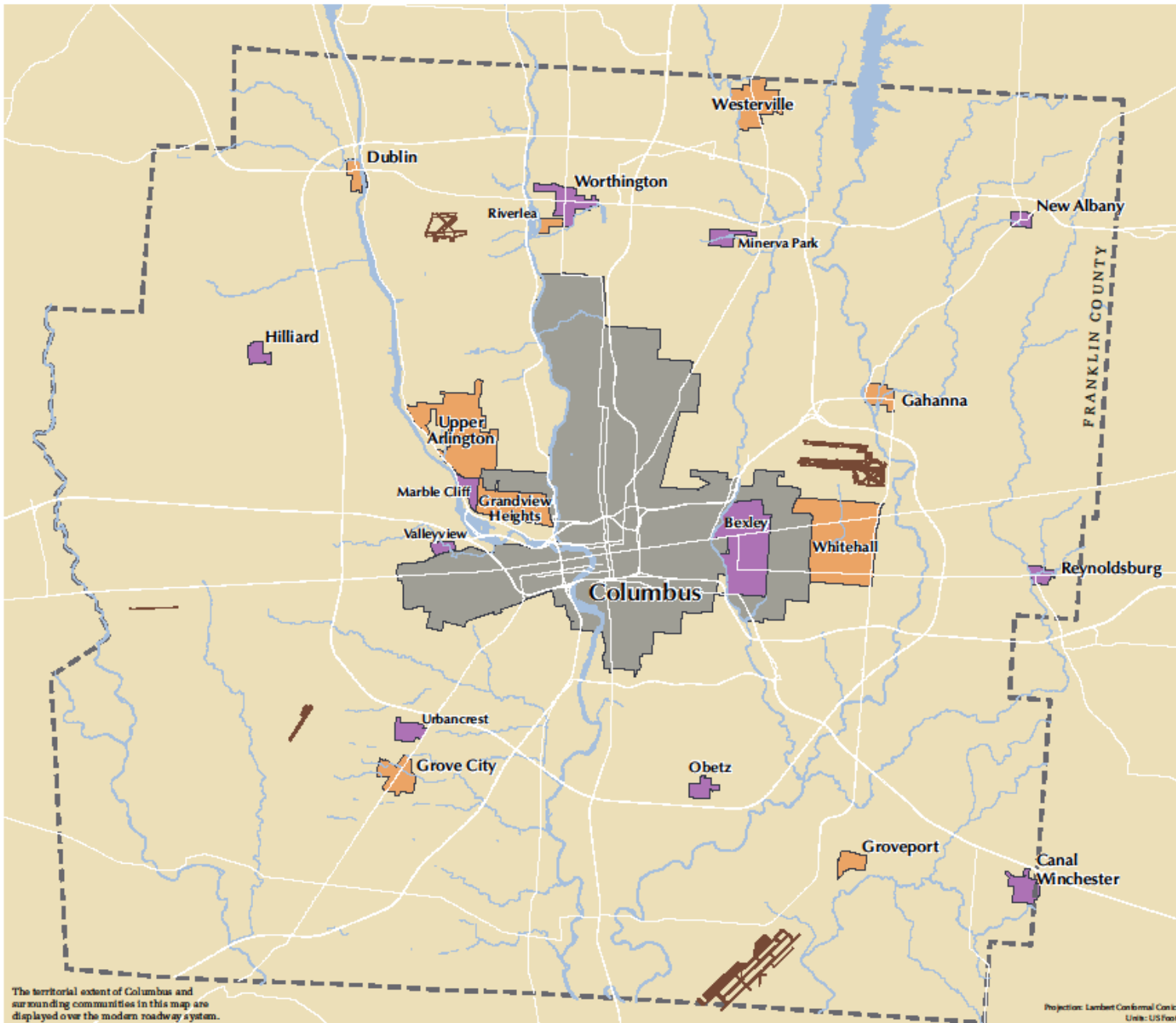


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October 2012

Columbus Planning Division/mc
109 N. Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

*Data provided by the City of Columbus,
Franklin County Engineer's Office, and
U.S. Census*



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2020

2020 POPULATION

Bexley: 13,370	Marble Cliff: 586
Brice: 117	Minerva Park: 1,554
Canal Winchester: 9,093	New Albany: 10,980
Columbus: 914,449	Obetz: 5,339
Dublin: 50,593	Reynoldsburg: 37,650
Gahanna: 36,018	Riverlea: 568
Grandview Heights: 8,559	Upper Arlington: 35,542
Grove City: 42,776	Urbancrest: 989
Groveport: 5,860	Valleyview: 634
Harrisburg: 327	Westerville: 40,656
Hilliard: 38,244	Whitehall: 19,406
Lockbourne: 276	Worthington: 14,509

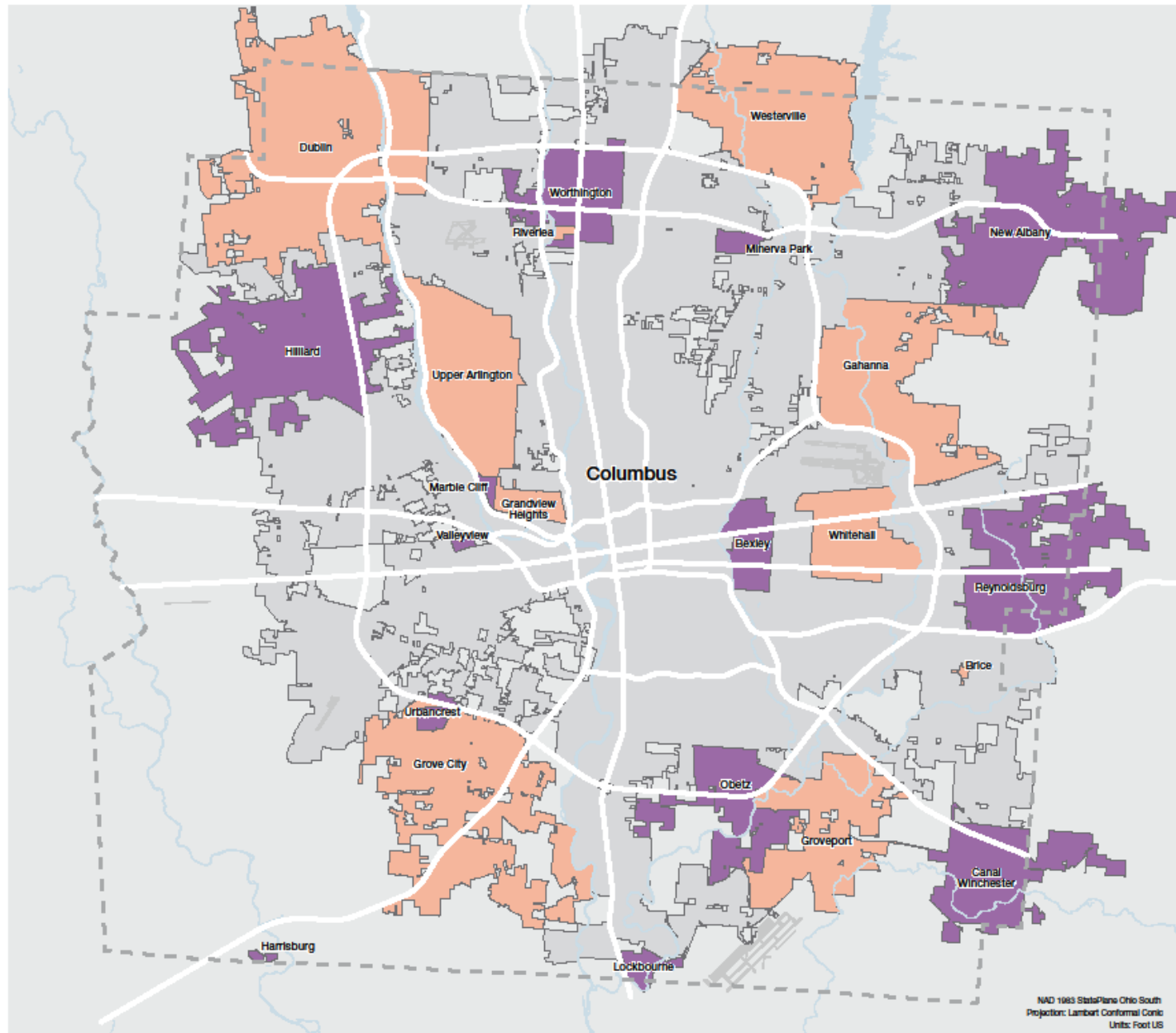


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February 2020

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111 N. Front Street, Third Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Source: MORPC 2020 Member Population Estimates



NAD 1983 StatePlane Ohio South
Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic
Units: Foot US

GROWTH TRENDS

- 900,000 residents and growing
- More infill development and redevelopment
- Less territorial expansion
- Rising housing costs and inadequate supply
- Need for transportation options
- Increased demand for multi-family, smaller homes and smaller lots
- Desire for walkable neighborhoods
- Not all neighborhoods have prospered

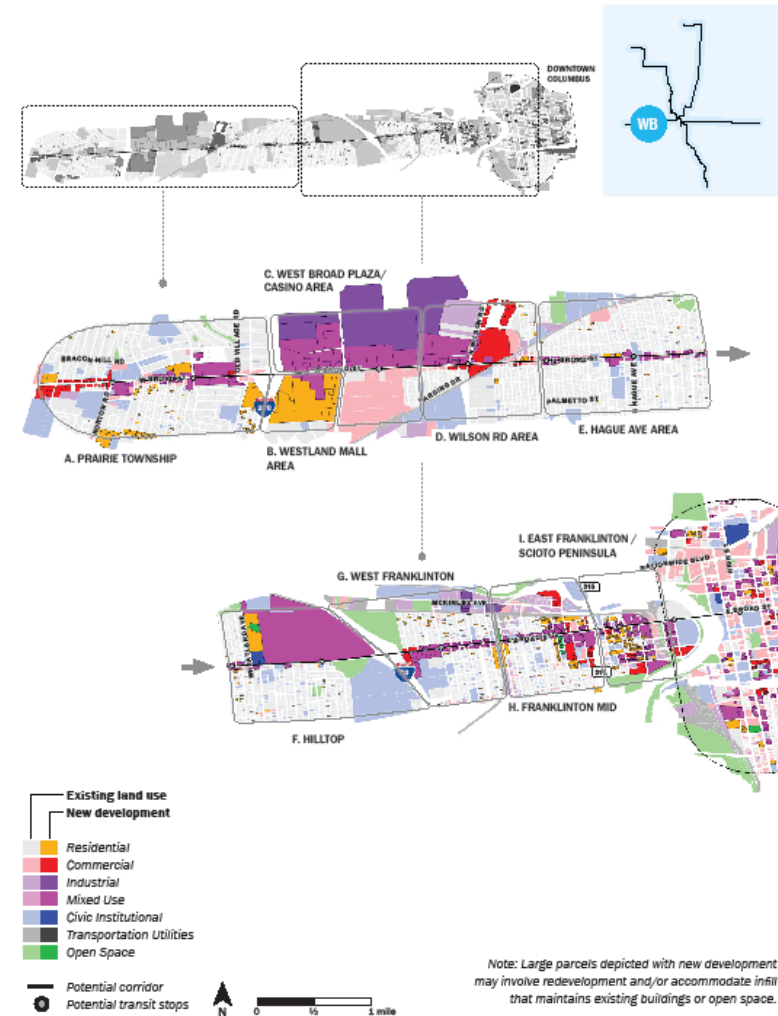


COLUMBUS CITYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES

- Guided Growth and Sustainable Development
- Healthy and Complete Communities
- Design and Character
- Area Land Use Plans



- Led by MORPC, this work builds on the 2014 Insight 2050 process, which evaluated different approaches to regional growth.
- A focused growth scenario was determined as the most sustainable and able to address key regional goals.
- Focused growth:
 - Builds on existing neighborhoods
 - Provides opportunities for infill development.
 - Results in better connections to jobs, education, healthcare and services
 - Supports transit options – lessen reliance on cars
 - Allows for new housing options
 - Lower cost to serve
 - Better for the environment



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HOW WILL WE GROW?

- Where are people going to live and work?
- How are they going to get around?
- What will our neighborhoods look like?
- How do we build opportunity for our residents?

Work is underway – Key Examples:

- Transit
- Zoning
- Housing
- Sustainability



- Partnership of City, COTA, MORPC, County, others.
- A transformational mobility vision for Central Ohio:
 - High capacity and advanced rapid transit along key corridors
 - New transportation technology solutions
 - Bicycle and pedestrian improvements
 - New housing and job opportunities

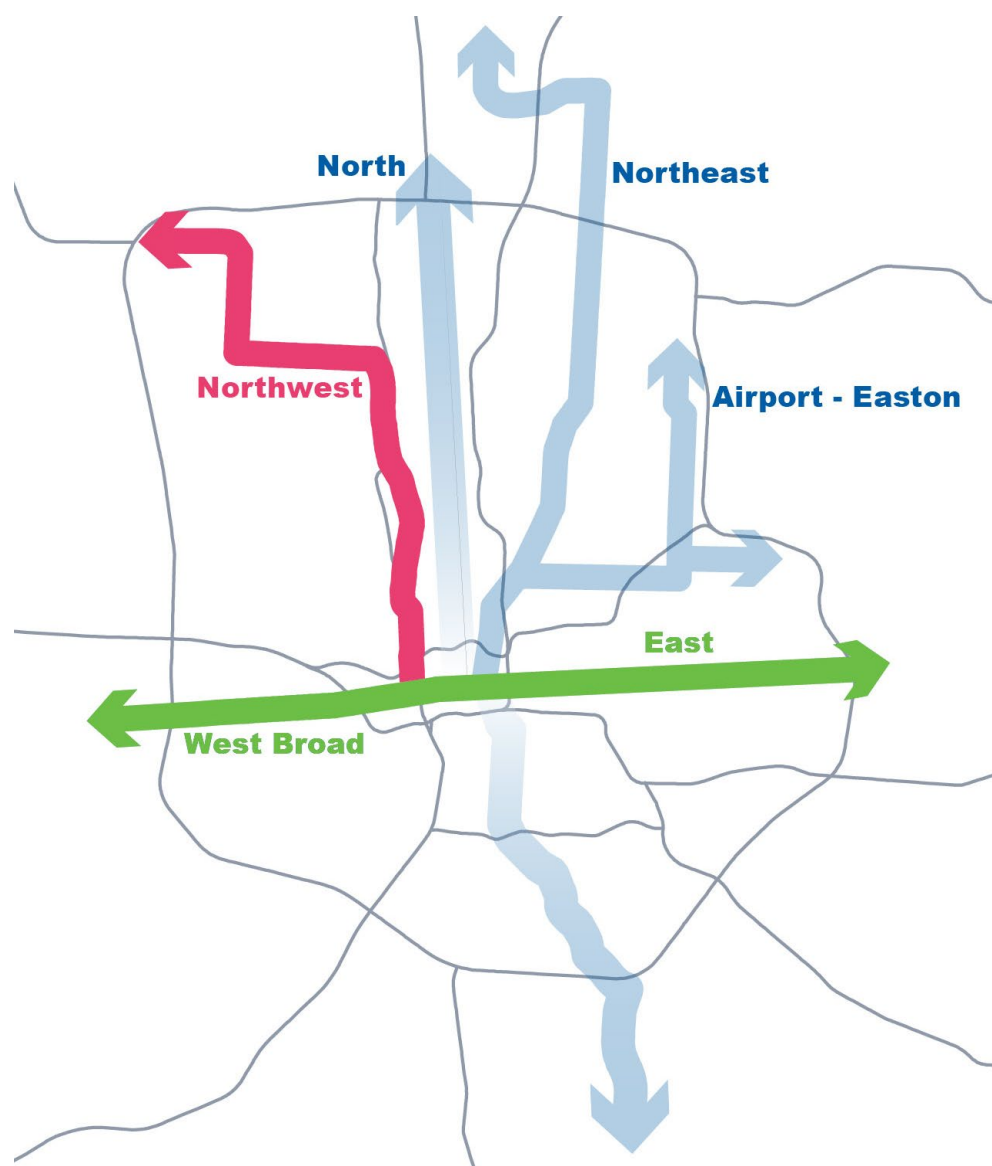


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- Work Currently Underway:
 - Northwest Corridor
 - East/West Corridor
- Ongoing outreach and communication



ZONING CODE UPDATE

- Regulatory, distinct from policy.
- Addresses property use, building placement, parking, lot size, etc.
- Important tool for encouraging and facilitating investment.
- Zoning, like restrictive covenants and redlining, has been used to exclude people, limiting access to opportunity.
- Columbus code dates to 1950s (with many updates).



ZONING CODE UPDATE :

Working Goal: An updated zoning code aligned with City priorities for growth management, equity, affordable housing, job creation, neighborhood vitality, sustainability, and transportation.

Phase I: Diagnostic and Update Strategy

Phase II: Code Revision



HOUSING

- “As the city and region continue to grow, we must make sure that residents who work in the region can afford to live here...” Mayor Andrew J. Ginther.
- Affordable housing bond allocation.
- Revised Residential Tax Incentive Strategy
- Regional Housing Strategy
 - MORPC led, support from Columbus, Franklin County and others.
 - Identifies housing demand and shortage.
 - Outlines critical steps to expanding Central Ohio’s housing supply.



SUSTAINABLE COLUMBUS

- Launched in 2018, works across City departments.
- High impact initiatives from goal setting to action plan implementation
- Four Pillars: Climate & Energy, Natural Resource Protection and Conservation, Waste Reduction, and GreenSpot (inform and engage)
- Current Active Projects:
 - Climate Action Plan
 - Aggregation Initiative
 - Energy Management Plan Roadmap
 - Urban Forestry Master Plan
 - Parkland Dedication Ordinance
 - Central Ohio Food Waste Initiative Campaign Support



THANK YOU!

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