Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Council (Columbus)

MORPC Hyperloop: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) partnered with Virgin Hyperloop One as it kicked off the U.S. roadshow to bring its XP-1 hyperloop pod to communities across the United States. The pod made multiple stops in Ohio along MORPC’s proposed “Midwest Connect” route, which would connect Columbus to Chicago and Pittsburgh.
MORPC Regional Housing Strategy – The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and its local partners throughout Central Ohio kicked off their Regional Housing Strategy. The study will develop investment and policy recommendations to support mixed-income neighborhoods and regional growth.

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (Detroit)

On August 15, SEMCOG invited its members to a Day in the Park at Lake St. Clair Metropark in Harrison Township, MI. We celebrated completion of the Parks and Recreation Plan, discussing how the plan can be helpful to member governments in their local parks planning efforts. We also gave an update on our bike and pedestrian planning efforts, and conducted a quick phone poll. Our Day in the Park enabled us to have fun, too. After all, isn’t that what parks are all about?
Puget Sound Regional Council (Seattle, Washington)

The region celebrated the opening of a new regional passenger ferry terminal at Pier 50 in Seattle last Monday. The covered facility has space for 500 people and serves King County Water Taxi and Kitsap Fast Ferry routes.

King County Executive Dow Constantine and Bainbridge Mayor Kol Medina (Kitsap Transit Board Chair) spoke at the opening ceremony, highlighting the regionalism and partnerships that helped make the project a success. This is truly a regional facility
serving people living in Bremerton, Kingston, West Seattle, Vashon Island and beyond. PSRC was a big partner in this project, contributing $21.6 million in regionally managed federal transit funding.

San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (CA)

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) recently met with Representative Salud Carbajal and his staff to talk about support for rail on the Central Coast and to update him on the myriad planning projects being developed by SLOCOG.
The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) and its partners -- Commuter Connections and the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of Maryland, and the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Research Project Agency – Energy (ARPA-E), launched incenTrip, a new mobile app that allows commuters in the Washington D.C. region to save time, money, and fuel, while earning rewards for planning trips.

The incenTrip app recommends the best travel mode, departure time, and route based on both real-time traffic prediction data and user personal preferences to help commuters avoid both day-to-day congestion and traffic jams caused by accidents, work zones, special events, and adverse weather conditions.

With the app, commuters can earn rewards, including gift cards and cash, every time they plan trips to and from work, avoid traffic, or use alternatives to drive-alone commuting, such as carpooling, taking transit, walking, and biking.