

MVRPC Glossary

Welcome to the MVRPC Glossary! Here you'll find a collection of frequently used terms within the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. These terms are often used during agency meetings. Whether you're new to MVRPC or just looking for a refresher, this glossary is designed to help you navigate the language of MVRPC with ease.

Term	Definition
MPO	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Warren County Jurisdictions)</i></p> <p>Only those governmental members located within the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Planning Area and paying the assessment required for participation in the MPO function may vote on issues related to the Commission's duties and responsibilities as an MPO; This also includes the three members representing non/other governments who were chosen by a caucus to represent the MPO.</p>
RPC	<p>All members of the MVRPC Board of Directors make up the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Non-government and Other governmental members located within the Miami Valley Region that satisfactorily demonstrate to the Board of Directors that their organizations are regionally significant may nominate or appoint individuals to the Board of Directors to approve all Regional Planning Commission (RPC) action items.</p>
RTPO	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Darke, Preble, Shelby County Jurisdictions)</i></p> <p>Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) - Only those governmental members located within the RTPO Planning Area and paying the assessment required for participation in the RTPO function may vote on issues related to the Commission's duties and responsibilities as an RTPO; This also includes the one to three members representing non/other governments who were chosen by a caucus to represent the RTPO.</p>
RTPOSC	<p>The RTPO Steering Committee (RTPOSC) is responsible for working with the Executive Director and to advise the Board of Directors on technical issues or other delegated and assigned matters in the RTPO jurisdictions of Darke, Preble, and Shelby Counties</p>
USDOT	<p>The United States Department of Transportation provides funding for most highway, transit, and rideshare planning studies and road, bridge, transit projects under the purview of MVRPC.</p>
ODOT	<p>Ohio Department of Transportation administers most Federally funded projects and programs as well as provides matching funds to Federal projects. ODOT also manages the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB), Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC), and maintains the US Interstate and Route mileage and Ohio State Routes across Ohio.</p>

USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency provides funding for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), Areawide Water Quality planning, Environmental Justice (EJ) programs.
OEPA	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency provides oversight of Federal and Ohio programs for the natural environment including air, water, land.
EDA	Economic Development Administration (EDA) is a subset of the US Department of Commerce. EDA has funded MVRPC's Disaster Recovery and Resiliency planning. EDA also recommends development of a Comprehensive Economic Development Study (CEDS) prior to funding programs and projects geared around redevelopment and workforce among other areas that strengthen regions and their residents.
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency is an agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security. FEMA is usually the first Federal agency to address damages and impacts from storms and wildfires.
Ohio EMA	Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) partners with their Federal partners with FEMA
IIJA	The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, most commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, funds numerous infrastructure programs including transportation and broadband internet.
IRA	Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that funds numerous projects and programs around clean energy, air, and water quality.
PCAP	The Priority Climate Action Plan- Through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG), the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) appropriates grants to regions and states for developing and implementing plans to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) is the first of two plans for the Miami Valley, identifying projects that could be funded in a second funding round from CPRG. It will be followed by the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), which is a more systematic analysis and engagement process.
TAC	The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a permanent committee appointed by members of MVRPC to represent their respective organizations. The TAC is responsible for working with the Executive Director and to advise the Board of Directors on technical issues or other delegated and assigned matters.
ISC	The Institute Steering Committee (ISC) is a permanent committee appointed by the MVRPC Board of Directors. The ISC is responsible for working with the Executive Director and to guide the work of the Institute of Livable & Equitable Communities, or other delegated and assigned matters.
COAD	Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COADs) are a network of collaborative organizations that come together when there are local and regional disasters to address personal safety, housing, and infrastructure needs.



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ILEC	Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities- The Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities at the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) places an intentional focus on livability and equity, launching programs and transforming systems that create a community where all people can thrive.
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