

Sandusky County Commissioners – 6225 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420

MEETING 2019

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 3/26/19

Time: 8:00AM – 1:00PM

Present: Commissioners: Scott Miller, President; Russ Zimmerman, V-President; Kay E Reiter

Present: Theresa Garcia; County Administrator

Others Present: Kelly Askins, Lisa Kuelling, Jerri Miller, Jan Day, Kim Foreman, Cathy Glassford, Chris Hilton, local fire and police chiefs (see sign in sheet)

(*action items)

AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)		Scott Miller, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 3/21/19 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Scott Miller, Russ Zimmerman, Kay E Reiter		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Kay E Reiter Yes - 3
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	The Commissioners and Administrator Garcia attended the Clydescope and Clyde Business and Professionals Association annual joint meeting. Bill Brown, Clydescope Director, did a great job. They presented grant checks to two small businesses in Clyde. These were the first recipients of the grant funds.			
	Commissioners all attended the inauguration of Terra State Community College's 7 th President on Friday morning. The ceremony was very well attended.			
	The Commissioners met with the new Director of Agriculture, Dorothy Pelanda, on Friday afternoon. She discussed areas her office is responsible for such as food inspection, Apiary/Bee inspections, Fair rides/jumpy gyms inspections. It was surprising what all the Dept. of AG is in charge of. The meeting was well attended.			

	<p>The Commissioners, Deputy Engineer, and the Administrator attended the CCAO/CEAO quarterly meeting on Friday sponsored by Wood County Commissioners. Representative Steve Arndt and Senator Theresa Gavarone were at the meeting and shared legislative updates with the group. The group had an extensive discussion concerning the Transportation Bill and the gas tax. The group was given a tour of the Wood County Museum and the BCI Lab located on BGSU's campus. This was a very informative and interesting day.</p>			
	<p>Commissioner Reiter shared the State's new web site called https://fixourroadsOhio.com and it has great information about Ohio transportation funding issues and how to solve them. See information attached.</p>			
<p>Commissioners and Administrators Discussion</p>	<p>Commissioner Reiter attended a BRASS meeting. The meeting was their "Grandfamilies Project" 6-part series put on for Grandparents who now have their grandchildren in their care and the many challenges they experience. All the sessions are held at Bellevue Public Library and it is open to the public.</p>			
	<p>Commissioner Reiter attended the swearing in of the new Bellevue Police Chief Mark Linder. They also swore in two new officers. They had a nice ceremony that included the State Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Office and other area law enforcement officials. The new Bellevue Financial Officer was introduced at the meeting too. It was a quick meeting but full. After the meeting Commissioner Reiter was notified by a council member that the west end weather siren has not been working and he asked for assistance in this concern. Reiter would like to talk to Lisa Kuelling, EMA Director, about this issue.</p>			
	<p>An email was sent to Administrator Garcia requesting the reinstatement of the Apiary program in Sandusky County. The Commissioners have discussed this a lot more in the last couple of years. This was also a topic of discussion at the AG Director meeting this week. We do not feel we have the need for a full-time apiary. Commissioner Miller had talked to the investigator in Seneca County and there may be a possibility of contracting this individual to assist in Sandusky County.</p>			

<p>* Then /Now Documents</p>	<p>One certificate is presented by Board of DD. A 2019 PO was not opened for this agreement that started in August of 2018. One invoice makes up this certificate. BGSU - \$1,778.98</p> <p>One certificate was presented by the Sheriff's Office. 2018 Medical and service expenses and no 2018 PO available. One invoice makes up this certificate. Promedica Memorial Hospital - \$101.44</p>		<p>\$1,778.98</p> <p>\$101.44</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Kay E Reiter 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes - 3</p>
<p>* Personnel</p>	<p>None at this time</p>			
<p>* Travel Requests</p>	<p>None at this time</p>			
<p>Dog Kennel (8:30am)</p>	<p><u>Kelly Askins – Dog Kennel.</u> Kelly came in for her monthly meeting with the Commissioners. See Attachment A for agenda items. They are over their goal for licenses for the year. Kelly talked to the Commissioners about the meeting with Mark Mulligan, Assistant Prosecutor, and the Administrator about being appointed the Humane Agent for Sandusky County. Mark had no issues with the appointment as long as the appointment letter was very specific regarding the Humane Societies responsibilities. All the staff at the Dog Kennel will be appointed after they have received training and certified. The Commissioners talked about the affects this could have on the Kennel. All agreed this would be a good decision.</p>	<p>Kelly Askins – Dog Warden</p>		
<p>EMA (9:00am)</p>	<p><u>Lisa Kuelling – EMA.</u> Lisa came in for her quarterly meeting with the Commissioners. See Attachment B for agenda items. Commissioner Reiter talked to Lisa about the weather siren issue in Bellevue. Lisa had not heard anything about this problem. The sirens are the jurisdictions responsibility for maintaining or replacing. EMA put original sirens in place but all were aware they were their responsibility for maintaining. There are no grants available for this anymore. Commissioner Reiter asked Lisa if she thought this could be a State Capital Project and should we consider reaching out to Representative Reineke for consideration system wide. Reiter has agreed to reach out to Reineke's office for consideration. The estimated ask would be \$1.3M. Lisa reviewed her agenda items with the Commissioners. There was discussion on changes in the river after the dam removal. There has been some changes but some changes were from the rising lake waters. It takes three years to get a good baseline affect.</p>	<p>Lisa Kuelling – EMA Director</p>		

Auditor (9:30am)	<p><u>Jerri Miller – Auditor.</u> Jerri came in for her monthly meeting with the Commissioners. Sales tax report was reviewed. Sales tax was slightly down for the month. Expense and revenue reports were reviewed. Nothing significant to review. Commissioner Reiter asked about her providing a graph showing sales tax trends. She asked for the last five years or more to track trends. Commissioner Zimmerman asked about the lodging tax given to the Townships that should be then distributed to the Visitors Bureau. The 3% gets paid to the Auditor and the additional 3%, if collected, goes directly to Township. Commissioner Miller asked how the Executime process is going. It is going well and is a work in progress. It has to be set up for each department to be flexible to their needs.</p>	Jerri Miller - Auditor		
Audit Review Committee (9:45am)	<p><u>Jerri Miller – Audit Review Committee.</u> Jerri presented the quarterly audit review. Jan Day was present for the Auditors Office. She completes the GAAP report for the Auditor. This report is coming along for 2018 report. Kim Foreman, Treasurer, was present as a member of the Committee. She did not have any issues or concerns to report. The State Auditor group is very respectful and thorough. The Auditors Association had their meeting recently and they discussed performance audits. You can be very specific on what you want them to review. This could be something we need to still look at.</p>	Jerri Miller – Auditor/Chair		
* Resolutions (10:00am)	None presented			
FCFC (10:30am)	<p><u>Cathy Glassford – FCFC.</u> Cathy came in for her quarterly meeting with the Commissioners. Cathy passed out her Shared Plan to review with the Commissioners. She asked for the Commissioners input on the new plan. It needs to be finalized in July and she would like to know if there is any other collaborative opportunities or ideas they have for her to include in the plan. She will be sending this out to council members and other community members for input too. Cathy talked about the Strong Families Community Grant. Lucas County is the lead and we use it mostly for Wraparound services. She talked about on-going projects. There will be a Representative from the Governor's Office coming to the area to attend one of the FCFC meetings. The Governor's budget</p>	Cathy Glassford – FCFC Coordinator		

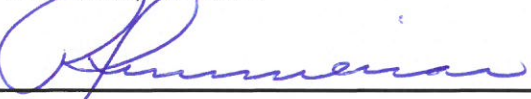
	<p>recommendation could be very beneficial for the County. It seems Help Me Grow will get some attention. Cathy feels very strongly about the benefit to this early intervention. Prevention is a very important part of the system. Commissioner Reiter informed Cathy of the BRASS GRAND program and when the next class is.</p>			
<p>Sheriff (11:00am)</p>	<p><u>Sheriff Hilton – Sheriff.</u> Sheriff came in for his regular meeting. Sheriff would like to start Union Negotiations as soon as possible. He asked Administrator Garcia when she would be available. Sheriff was asked by the Commissioners what his opinion on legislation on the table regarding the option of EMA Offices being placed under the Sheriff's Office. At the Commissioners request Sheriff presented information he has found. There are three counties that have already placed the EMA under the Sheriff. The legislation would put this option in ORC. Sheriff has talked to these offices to find out what the benefits would be if they are placed under the Sheriff. The one benefit is to stream line the process at smaller scenes. He talked to the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association and was given a list of reasons why they support this. This would have the Sheriff and EMA stand as one with oversight only of EMA. Sheriff made his own list of benefits and reviewed these with the Commissioners. The biggest benefit is the dispatch center. This is a 911 function and has Sheriff employees that work the center. He is in favor of the change but is not opposed if it does not happen. Lisa Kuelling, EMA Director, was given time for her opinion. She feels EMA should stay a neutral office. They service many public safety agencies and feels by staying under the Commissioners helps keep this office neutral. Resource allocation is a large piece of EMA and has many other responsibilities that may not fall under the Sheriff. Others were given the opportunity to give their opinion. The Fire Chiefs in attendance gave their opinions and were not in favor. Commissioner Reiter thanked everyone for coming and sharing their opinions. The Commissioners meet on a quarterly basis with Lisa and she reports on all aspects of her job and what she has done in the past quarter. Commissioner Zimmerman understood what everyone presented. He feels if it's not broke don't fix it. He feels Sheriff Hilton is not demanding a change but is willing to take on the responsibility if it does change. Commissioner Miller addressed the group and thanked them as well and it helps in making decisions to have</p>	<p>Chris Hilton - Sheriff</p>		

	<p>the opinions shared by the group.</p> <p>On other business Sheriff has hired two new dispatchers and should be up and running on June 1st. One has law enforcement background and the other is a younger person that is training. He has one resignation at the jail he is working on filling. Sheriff sat in on the call on the CAD system conversion with IT Director to help push the project to go live and complete the conversion contracted for. He has one of his kitchen staff out on leave and may not be able to come back. He may make some changes if that happens. Sheriff also attended the swearing in of the new Police Chief in Bellevue last night.</p>			
TASC (11:30am)	<p>Phil Collison – TASC. Phil came in for his quarterly meeting. OMAHS funding award update was given. He has collected most of the funds. They generally pay out more in serviced than the grant covers. The ATP grant through County Court #1 was received and they have almost used most of that grant. He also reviewed his program statistic from July 2018 to March 2019. He has a 50% no show but this is low compared to other agencies. Commissioner Miller asked if he could provide a chart with some trends on referrals and outcome on case management. He has met with Children Services to work out some client needs. Medicaid billing is figured out but they may see some changes coming. April 19th he will have his old records remove to be destroyed. He is organizing those files that need to go and has organized file cabinet to destroy records on a regular basis. They have files from 1973 still in the office that need to be destroyed.</p>	Phil Collison - Administrator		
	<p>*** Commissioner Reiter had to leave session at 12:00pm</p>			
Public Open Session	<p>Citizens Attendees – See sign in sheet Media Attendees – Craig Shoup, News Messenger. Tom Fullen, WFRO. Elected Officials – Jerri Miller, Auditor. Kim Foreman, Treasurer. Chris Hilton, Sheriff.</p>			
* Adjournment (1:01pm)	<p>With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.</p>			<p>* Motion: Move to Approve Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Reiter absent)</p>

Signature of:



Scott Miller, President




Russ Zimmerman, Vice President



Kay E Reiter

Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County Ohio

Attest: 

Clerk to the Board / County Administrator

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners,
Sandusky County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct copy from the official record of said
Board of County Commissioners as recorded in its Journal.

Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

Attachment A

Scheduled/Completed Trainings

CAD training with the Sheriff's Office is in progress and we are working on that.

I'm in the process of creating a training for the new deputies to educate them on some of the basics and how to investigate livestock attacks.

Accomplishments

All 2019 Licenses are entered into the system.

To Discuss

Humane Agent Issue
Summer Kid's Camp
Vest & Uniforms

Events

Upcoming:

This afternoon we will be speaking at the Garden House Tea Party at 2pm. The attendees would like to hear more about what our office does and the ways we serve the community.

Our 'Runner's Club' will be starting April 1st, 2019. This is a new event designed to help our dogs get the exercise they need. Any individual may sign out a dog to take them running with them in the park across from our building. We are hoping for lots of volunteers, which would be VERY beneficial to the dogs at the kennel.

The date has been set for 2019 Annual Beat the Heat event. We will be holding it on Thursday, June 27th at 1pm in the fairgrounds parking lot.

Past:

Last evening, we were joined by one of our local Girl Scout Troops. They joined us at the kennel to learn about what we do, safety around dogs, and women in leadership positions. The troop will be coming back on April 22nd, to help us prepare for some of our upcoming events. Troops 50315 & 50725

Communications

Nothing new at this time.

Questions?

County Commissioner's Meeting

Dog Warden's Office

March 26th, 2019

2019 Dog License Sales

1 Year Dog License	9967
1 Year Dog License Late	341
1 Year Partial License	0
3 Year Dog License	92
3 Year Dog License Late	6
3 Year Partial License	0
Dangerous Dog License	12
Duplicate License	4
Duplicate Free	0
Kennel License	20
Kennel License Extra	31
Permanent Dog License	10
Service Dog License (Free)	11
Transfer- Free	0
Total	10,494

Kennel Census

March 2019

Impounded- 27
Redemptions- 10
Adoptions-5
Euthanized- 0
Transferred- 0

February 2019

Impounded-21
Redemptions- 15
Adoptions- 3
Euthanized- 0
Transferred- 0

Requested graphs and charts are attached.

Quantity Sold 2019 Licenses

Filter Refresh Save **Results 1-12 of 12**
 Filter Criteria. Item: 2019; Status: All-(Pre+Can); Details: Quantity;
 Grouping: Item; Ordering: Group (asc)

View By: [Order](#) | [Items](#) | [Phones](#) | [Physical Address](#) | [Mailing Address](#) | [Billing Address](#) | [Activity](#) | [Summary](#)

Group	Total
2019 1 Yr Dog License	9967
2019 1 Yr Dog License, Late	341
2019 3 Yr Dog License	92
2019 3 Yr Dog License, Late	6
2019 Dangerous License	12
2019 Duplicate License	4
2019 Kennel License	20
2019 Kennel License, Extra	31
2019 Kennel License, Late	1
2019 Permanent Dog License	10
2019 Service Dog License	11
All	10495

+ 2186 (Dec. '18) = 12,153 Licenses sold for this season.

Dec. 2018 - 2186

Sandusky County Dog Warden

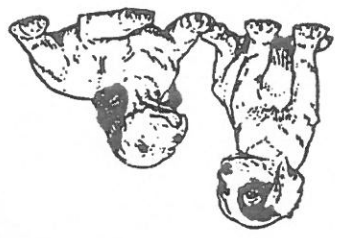
Kelly Askins, Chief Dog Warden

A department under the Board of County Commissioners
 Charles Schwochow Kay E. Reiter Scott Miller

Impound Statistics Date Filter: 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019

Month	Adopted	Transferred	Redeemed	Euthanized	Deceased	Impounded	Live Release Rate
January	10 33.3%	0 0.0%	19 63.3%	1 3.3%	0 0.0%	30	96.7%
February	3 16.7%	0 0.0%	15 83.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	21	100.0%
March	5 33.3%	0 0.0%	10 66.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	27	100.0%
Total	18 23.1%	0 0.0%	44 56.4%	1 1.3%	0 0.0%	78	98.4%

0 Not Adoptable Animals
 0 Excluding Not Adoptables 98.4%
 0 Caused Exposures/Bites
 0 Owner Surrender - Euthanasia
 0 Aggressive
 1 Injured or Unhealthy
 0 Dog Aggressive
 0 Deceased



EMA
3/26/2019
9:00am

Grants: 2018-2019

- A.) EMPG FY18- Waiting on award letter, should be the same as last year
- B.) Davis Besse Contract-26,000.00
- C.) LEPC Contract-15,000.00 (4/1/18-3/31/19)(4/1/19-3/31/20)
- D.) 911 Contract-20,000.00 (7/1/18-6/30/19) (7/1/19-3/30/20)
- E.) Assessment Letters-15,845.44.(1/1/19-12/31/19) 3-Not Received yet-Bellevue, Clyde, Sand. Twp.
- F.) HSGP FY17 -Interoperable Communications-30,000.00-Lucas Co. bid project
- G.) HSGP FY19-Prevention and Response Watercraft-23,000.00-City of Fremont Fire-Applied, no answer.
- H.) SERC Grant Received- 22,328.00 (7/1/18-6/30/19)
- I.) Mitigation Grant (Plan revision)-completed and submitted 8/23/18. Awaiting Award Letter
- J.) HMGP Pre-applications due 3/29.

Meetings:

- 1/14/19-Healthcare Coalition Emergency Management Steering Committee
- 1/14/19-Regional Healthcare Coalition Mtg.
- 1/18-NC EMAO Regional Directors mtg.
- 1/23-911 Mtg.
- 1/23-LEPC Mtg.
- 1/24- Mtg. with Auditor-Jerri and Tom
- 1/28-Red Cross Partners mtg.
- 2/1-OEMA Mtg. Tammy
- 2/4-Gibsonburg PD Chief-MARCS Radio discussion
- 2/6-Dog Warden/Parks-MARCS Radio templates
- 2/6-Fire Association-Ballville
- 2/7-Tacklebox Meeting-Flooding issues/Sediment issues
- 2/14-OEMA Mtg. Anita
- 2/25-Disabilities and 911 Attachments Mtg.
- 2/26-Dept. Head Meeting
- 2/26-Regional Planning-HMGP
- 2/27-Fremont Fire-HMGP Grant
- 2/27-Sheriff -Issues resolution Mtg.
- 2/27-Safety Council-Terra-Ohio Homeland Security Speaker
- 2/27-Chief Deputy-OP3 programming and law enforcement mtg.
- 2/27-Fire Association-Bettsville
- 2/28-Whirlpool Mtg.
- 3/6-City of Fremont-New Radio System
- 3/6-Commodity Flow Vendor-Conf. Call
- 3/8-Homeland Security
- 3/11-Healthcare Coalition Emergency Management Steering Committee
- 3/11-Regional Healthcare Coalition
- 3/15-NC EMAO Regional Directors Mtg.

- 3/22-Homeland Security Mtg.
- 3/25-Vanguard-Review of Plan
- 3/26-Commissioners Mtg.
- 3/26-Commissioners Mtg. with Sheriff-BSSA/EMAO –legislation issues
- 3/27-911 Meeting
- 3/27-LEPC Meeting
- 3/27-Fire Association

Reports:

- A.) EMPG Qtr. Report due 4/10/2019
- B.) Davis Besse Qtr. Report Due 4/10/2019
- C.) Currently in 6th of 7 quarters. Yearend reports will be in July

Public Outreach:

- 1/14-Regional Healthcare Coalition-Presentation-School Emergency Operations Planning
- 1/15-Terra State Community College-New Director of Campus Safety
- 2/11-Youth Leadership Presentation
- 2/20-Adult Leadership
- 3/12-WFRO-Radio Spot- Severe Weather Awareness Week
- 3/21-Minsterial Association-Presentation on planning and sheltering
- 3/17-3/23- Daily Safety Tips-Severe Weather Awareness Week
- ** Road Closures-As needed
- **Weather Updates-As needed
- **Power Outages-As needed

Trainings Provided/Hosted/Attended:

- 3/25-Helena-Exercise Tabletop Training

Emergency/Disasters:

- A.) 1/19-Snow Storm-level 3 conditions-Power Outages
- B.) 1/20-Wind Storm-Power Outages
- C.) 1/29-2/1-Artic Blast-Warming Center
- D.) 1/29-Ice Jam/Flooding Assessments
- E.) 2/24 & 2/25-Wind Event

Community Plan Reviews/Updates:

- A.) 1/31-Clyde/Green Spring School Plan
- B.) 3/12-Woodmore School Plan
- C.) 3/18-Board of DD School Plan
- D.) 3/21-Green Spring School Plan
- E.) 2/6-ABC Inoac-Facility Walk Thru
- F.) 2/28-Whirlpool-Emergency Planning Mtg.
- G.) 3/25-Vanguard School Plan

Exercises:

Dry Run:

- 3/6-Radio Net-Hospital Checks
- 3/13-Radiological Air Monitoring
- 3/18-Radiological Controller Briefing
- 3/19-Radiological EOC (Ottawa)
- 3/19-Radiological Reception Center & Care Center (Erie)
- 3/20-Statewide Tornado Drill
- 3/21-Radiological Soil Sampling

911 System-

911 upgrade is coming along.

Events:

1. GOBA Emergency Planning-6/15 (B.G.), 6/16 (Fremont), 6/17 (Port Clinton), 6/18 (Port Clinton), 6/19 (Fremont), 6/20 (Oregon)

Other:








1. Shelter Mapping
2. Reorganization of EOC
3. 60 & 30 Day Exercise Documents due to SERC-(2/13, 3/13)
4. Severe Weather Awareness Week 3/17-3/23
5. Fire House Challenge (2/23)
6. Yearly Inventory (County, State and Homeland Security)
7. GAAP Reporting
8. Grants Reporting-County Auditor
9. Auditor-911 Project Tracking

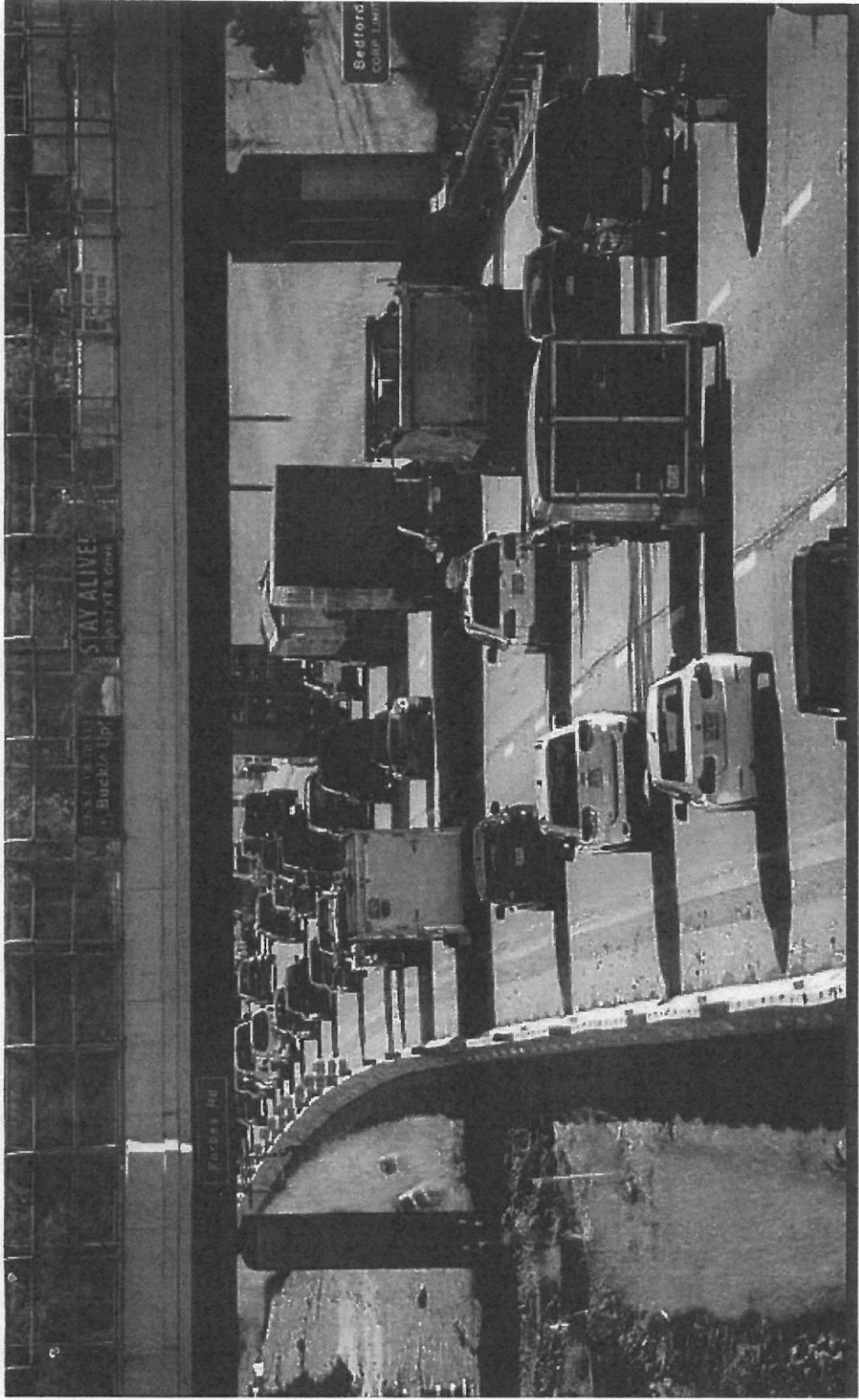
Upcoming:

- 4/9-Healthcare Coalition-Portable Hospital Inventory (on-site)
- 4/10-Radiological-Air Monitoring-Federal Evaluated
- 4/10-SKYWARN Weather Spotting Training
- 4/13-LEPC-Tabletop Exercise-Helena-State Evaluated
- 4/15-Controller Briefing- with Federal in Ottawa Co.
- 4/16 (8-4:30)-Radiological-EOC-Port Clinton-Federal Evaluated
- 4/16 (5pm-9:30pm)-Radiological-Reception & Care Center-Sandusky-Federal Evaluated
- 4/18-Radiological-Soil Sampling-Federal Evaluated
- 4/19-Radiological-Ottawa-Public Briefing-Federal Evaluated
- 4/23-Annual Pipeline Training
- 4/29-5/1-EMA & EMAO Spring Conference
- 5/6 & 5/14-EMA 101

Public Session Sign in Sheet

3/26/2019

Name	Signature	Contact Information
Monte Campbell		
DORRIS W. CROWELL Sr		
BRIAN EDWARDS		
Craig Davis		
Bill Andrews		
DAVE PEARSON		
Jeff Jackson		



A MOMENT OF TRUTH:

Ohio's Transportation Funding Problem,
and How to Solve It.

FOR OHIO
FIX OUR ROADS OHIO

Better Transportation for Working and Living

FIX OUR ROADS OHIO – CASE STATEMENT

As Ohio addresses the economic and social challenges of the 21st Century, the state faces a major shortage of reliable funding for our state's roads and bridges. Unless action is taken soon to address the issue, the system will continue to fall into disrepair and become further congested – damaging the overall vitality of our state and the people who live here.

A diverse group of Ohioans with a shared interest in the future of our state's economy and lifestyle has come together to ask Ohio policy makers to focus on our state's transportation funding structure and enact solutions. Fix Our Roads Ohio (FOR Ohio) is a coalition of stakeholders that have united in an effort to educate state leaders on the critical needs of Ohio's transportation infrastructure, and to advocate for a dedicated funding solution that provides long-term, smart investment in Ohio's transportation future.

OVERVIEW

Ohio has one of the largest and most active transportation systems in the United States, with 262,350 total road lane miles and 44,657 bridges. Ohio is located within one day's drive of 60% of the population of the United States and Canada and ranks near the top of the pack compared with all other states in many other measurements:

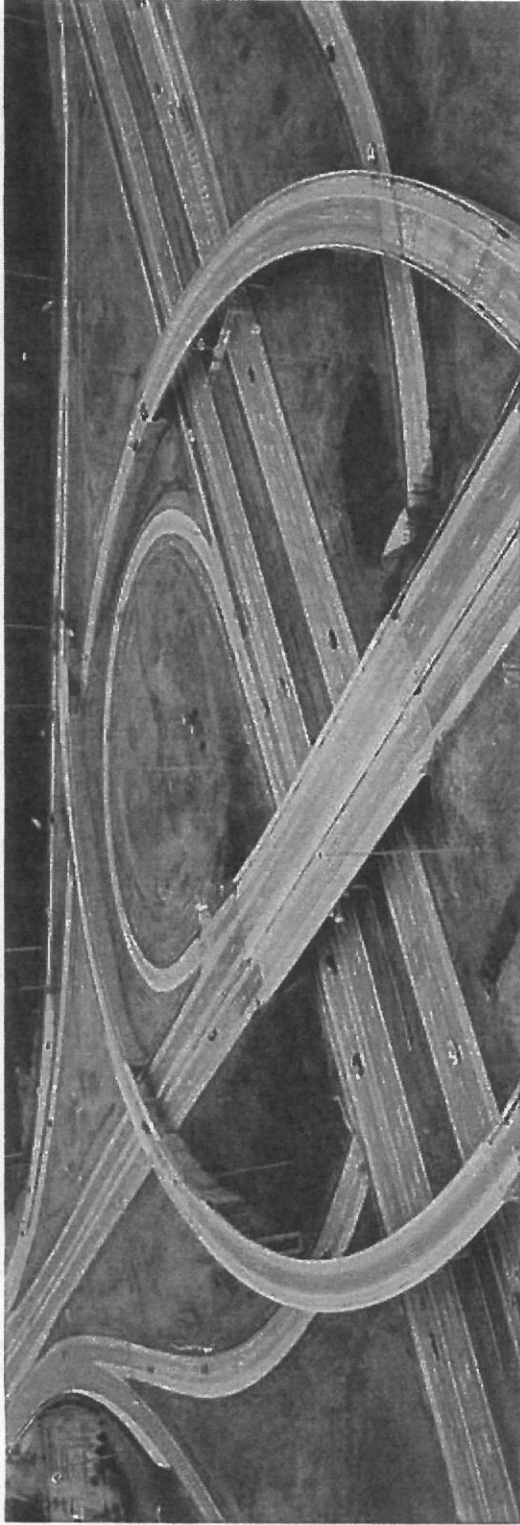
- 2nd largest inventory of bridges
- 3rd largest in freight volume
- 4th largest interstate highway system (based on lane miles)
- 6th in the country in total Vehicle Miles Traveled, at 118.6 billion miles annually

Our state's economy and quality of life are directly tied to the quality of our transportation system. The high volume of passenger vehicles and commercial freight traffic flowing through the state every day supports businesses, provides jobs and ultimately drives Ohio's economy. But population growth and economic development mean increased demands on our roads and bridges. As traffic congestion worsens each year, more and more roads suffer from potholes and rutted pavement. Congestion costs Ohio motorists an estimated \$4.7 billion each year in lost time and wasted fuel. Many of Ohio's bridges are showing their age with structural deficiencies.

Annual Cost of Congestion in Ohio Cities

Urban Area	Cost Per Commuter		Total Annual Hours of Delay (in thousands)	Total Annual Cost of Congestion (in millions)
	Annual Hours of Delay Per Commuter	Annual Cost of Congestion Per Commuter		
Cincinnati OH-KY-IN	41	\$ 989	48,485	\$ 1,159
Cleveland OH	38	\$ 887	45,051	\$ 1,046
Columbus OH	41	\$ 933	40,025	\$ 921
Toledo OH-MI	38	\$ 920	15,905	\$ 381
Dayton OH	25	\$ 590	14,604	\$ 346
Akron OH	27	\$ 634	12,283	\$ 284
Youngstown OH-PA	20	\$ 466	7,744	\$ 181
Canton OH	16	\$ 367	4,761	\$ 107
Huntington WV-KY-OH	16	\$ 362	3,280	\$ 77
Lorain-Elyria OH	14	\$ 308	2,550	\$ 58
Lima OH	12	\$ 325	938	\$ 25
Wheeling WV-OH	11	\$ 275	954	\$ 24
Parkersburg WV-OH	14	\$ 317	965	\$ 22
Middletown OH	8	\$ 182	850	\$ 20
Mansfield OH	10	\$ 232	838	\$ 19
Weirton-Steubenville WV-OH-PA	10	\$ 239	742	\$ 18
Springfield OH	9	\$ 195	796	\$ 18
Newark OH	7	\$ 167	621	\$ 14
Total Ohio Cities			201,392	\$ 4,720

Source: Texas Transportation Institute 2015 Urban Mobility Scorecard



State

In the Ohio Department of Transportation’s preliminary budget plan for FY 2020 and 2021, the vast majority of highway revenues are allocated for highway maintenance rather than increasing capacity and building a transportation system that will carry Ohio into the future. Unfortunately, available funding is about to dramatically decrease with the expiration of Ohio’s Turnpike Bond program and the continuing influence of inflation. This is demonstrated by the decreasing size of the ODOT capital program from a high of approximately \$2.4 billion in FY 2014 to approximately \$1.7 billion in FY 2020.

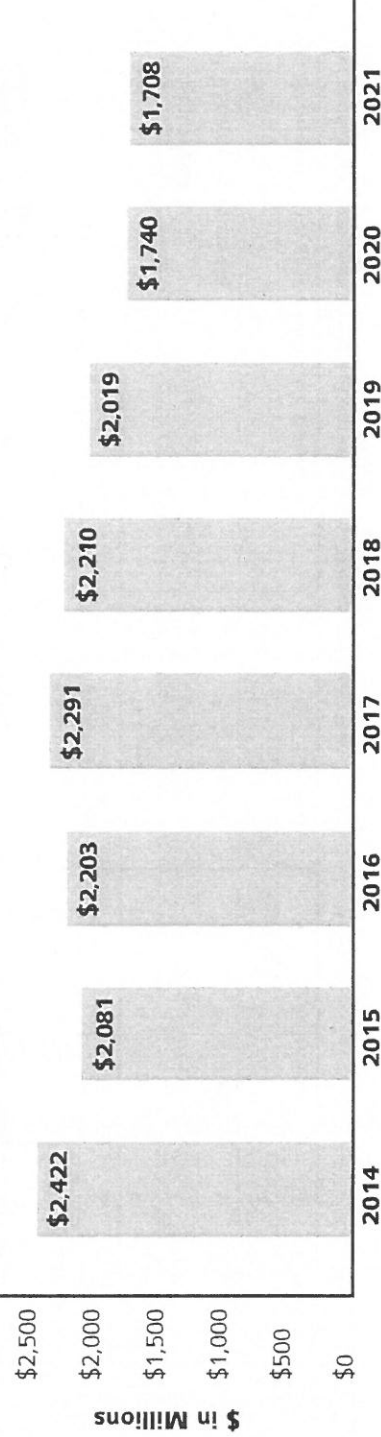
According to the TRIP transportation research group’s 2018 report, *Modernizing Ohio’s Transportation System*, 30% of Ohio’s major roads are in poor or mediocre condition. The FHWA National Bridge Inventory, which compiles data for bridges spanning more than 20 feet, rates 1,653 of Ohio’s bridges as structurally deficient, meaning there is significant deterioration of the bridge deck, supports or other major components. Without adequate funding, Ohio roads and bridges will continue to fall into disrepair.

Preliminary information from ODOT indicates that, absent new revenues, the agency will make significant program cuts in the next biennium in order to meet its requirement to present a balanced budget. The anticipated reductions will eliminate funding for new projects aimed to add capacity and relieve congestion on Ohio roads, as well as delay needed maintenance and upgrades to existing bridges and roadways. A cutback in transportation investment will negatively ripple through Ohio’s economy as road conditions worsen and construction jobs are lost.

Local

The predicament of insufficient funding for roads and bridges is not limited to the state-maintained system. The County Engineers Association of Ohio has reported that only 40% of the funds needed to bring aging roads to current standards, replace or repair all eligible bridges, pave county roads on a 10-year cycle, and perform ongoing maintenance, are currently available to perform this work. This deficiency in funding leads to a continuing

ODOT Capital Program Funding 2014-2021



Source: ODOT pro forma Budget 2020-2021 10/4/2018

downward spiral of deteriorating roadway and bridge conditions.

Technology

Beyond these critical existing needs, the future of transportation contemplates advanced technology such as autonomous vehicles and smart mobility. Ohio has been a leader in the development of this technology. At current funding levels, however, Ohio can't even maintain its existing system, and is ill-prepared to be a leader in constructing necessary infrastructure improvements for future needs.

Over the years, there have been a number of short-term efforts at the state and federal levels to provide transportation funding. In January 2019 Ohio will seat a new Governor and a new session of the General Assembly will begin. **Among the most critical decisions facing the new administration and legislature will be how to adequately provide sustainable, long-term funding of Ohio's transportation infrastructure at the state and local levels.**

AN INVESTMENT IN ROADS IS AN INVESTMENT IN OHIO'S ECONOMY

Ohio's roads, highways, and bridges are vital links for the state's residents, businesses, and visitors, providing daily access to homes, jobs, shopping, healthcare and social services, natural resources, and recreation. The quality of

our roads is directly related to our quality of life and to the economic competitiveness of our state.

A recent study by the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) studied the impact on economic benefits under two scenarios: 1) an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) capital program at 2014 and 2015 levels of \$2.4 billion, and 2) an ODOT program of \$1.7 billion, a 29% decrease, as anticipated in ODOT's next biennium budget. The study found the difference in economic activity generated by these two scenarios to be significant. Specifically, the report found that over a 10 year period, should ODOT's budget decrease, the State of Ohio would forego \$2.4 billion per year in output, tax revenues, earnings and user benefits. The reduction in funding would deprive jobs to 8,710 Ohioans who would otherwise generate \$417 million per year in earnings. In addition, with the *higher* investment level, the percent of travel on deficient roadways would decrease from 22.3% of travel to 13.4% after 10 years. At the anticipated *lower* level of funding, the percent of travel on deficient roadways would increase to 25.4% of all travel.

Investing in Ohio's transportation future is about ensuring safe, effective, efficient transportation for all Ohioans. In combination with road and bridge improvements, FOR Ohio believes that any responsible funding plan must consider public transit systems to address urban and rural mobility needs in addition to highways, roads, and bridges.

Annual Economic Impacts and User Benefits of Two Highway and Bridge Investment Scenarios in Ohio

	ODOT Capital Program \$1.7 Billion	ODOT Capital Program \$2.4 billion	Foregone Benefits
Economic Impacts			
Employment	21,484 jobs	30,194 jobs	8,710 jobs
Total Output	\$ 3.8 billion	\$ 5.3 billion	\$ 1.5 billion
Earnings	\$ 1.0 billion	\$ 1.4 billion	\$ 417.2 million
Total Tax Revenues*	\$ 194.2 million	\$ 273.0 million	\$ 78.7 million
Total Economic Impacts	\$ 5.0 billion	\$ 7.1 billion	\$ 2.0 billion
User Benefits**	\$ 2.1 billion	\$ 2.5 billion	\$ 400.2 million
Total Economic Impacts and User Benefits	\$ 7.1 billion	\$ 9.6 billion	\$ 2.4 billion

*State Payroll Tax; Federal Payroll Tax; State & Local Income Tax; State and Local Sales Tax

**Safety Benefits; Operating Benefits; Travel Time Benefits; Maintenance Savings

Source: American Road & Transportation Builders Association December, 2018



CURRENT STATE OF FUNDING

First levied in 1925, the primary source of road and bridge funding in the state of Ohio is the Motor Fuel User Fee. The fee is a fixed per-gallon-purchased fee rather than a percentage of the price-per-gallon. This means that regardless of the price per gallon of gasoline, the fee remains constant: 18.4 cents per gallon for the federal fee and 28 cents per gallon for the state fee. (The federal fee has not changed since 1993. The last state adjustment to this motor fuel user fee was in 2005.)

According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, \$100 in construction in July 2005 cost \$152 in June 2018. Today's purchasing power of the state's 2005 28-cent motor fuel user fee now equates to 18-cents in 2018 dollars. At the state level, one cent of fuel fee generates approximately \$66 million in revenue.

Available funding for roads and bridges is decreasing by \$250 million on average per year, due to the conclusion of the Ohio Turnpike bonding program. The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission issued bonds in August 2013 in the amount of \$1 billion and another issuance in 2018 for \$550 million. The entirety of that amount will be encumbered for specific projects by the end of State Fiscal Year 2019.

Bond programs necessarily come to an end. The unfortunate result is a large decrease in available funding and an ensuing fiscal and political scramble to ensure funding for the upkeep of Ohio roads.

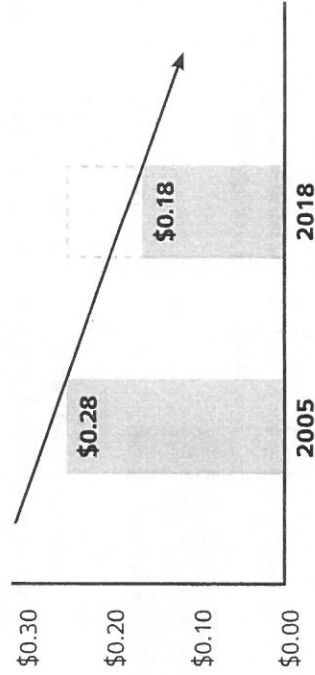
Additionally, the Ohio Turnpike bond program (and before it, federal stimulus funding), benefited state and interstate systems, but did little to meet local highway and bridge funding needs. In fact, the County Engineers Association

of Ohio has identified \$1.12 billion in needs on the county-maintained system alone.

During the stimulus/bond program periods, the traditional and most productive source of road and bridge funding — the motor fuel user fee (gas tax) — provided the bulk of funding for maintaining roads at the state and local levels.

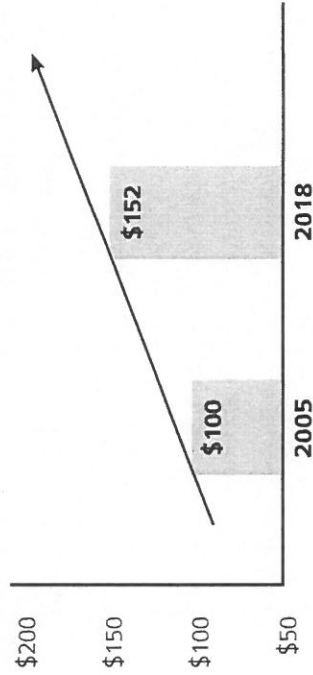
Impact of Inflation on Ohio Motor Fuel User Fee 2005 vs. 2018

(Buying Power, Cents-per-Gallon)



Source: Modernizing Ohio's Transportation System TRIP, June 2018

Impact of Inflation on Construction Costs 2005 vs. 2018



Source: ODOT



FUNDING SOLUTION OPTIONS

Given the ongoing maintenance and construction needs of Ohio's roads and bridges, and the decline in available funding being generated to meet those needs, FOR Ohio offers a package of revenue-raising options to provide a sustained and reliable funding stream to maintain and improve Ohio's state and local transportation system. The options include:

Increase the Motor Fuel User

Fee. One of the most obvious solutions is an adjustment to the motor fuel users' fee (motor fuel tax), which is the primary source of Ohio's highway construction revenue. At 28 cents per gallon, Ohio currently ranks 29th in the nation, and is much lower than border states Indiana, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. The gas tax collection mechanism is already in place. And by indexing the fee so that it keeps up with inflation, it will not require lawmakers to continually make changes over time. Ohio's motor fuel tax is an inherently fair user fee — those who use the roads pay for better and safer roads. Finally, the fee is the only identified revenue

source that supports necessary funding on a long-term, sustainable basis.

✔ **Option: Phase in an increase to Ohio's Motor**

Fuel User Fee. The goal should be to recover the losses caused by inflation since 2005 and the expiring turnpike bond program and to index the fee (using the ODOT

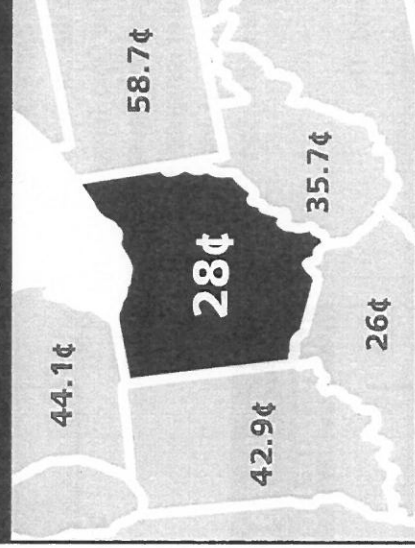
Construction Materials Index) in order to provide long-term stability. Alignment with the corresponding rates in neighboring states would be a sensible guideline.

Levy an Alternative Fuel

Vehicle Fee. Construction and maintenance of Ohio's road and highway system comes largely from users of the system via the motor fuel user fee. With the advent of alternative fuel vehicles, there is a rapidly-growing cross section of motorists who are using the roads, but because they don't purchase gasoline, they are not contributing toward the maintenance and construction of the system. Now is the time to assess system maintenance to these unique vehicles. To date, nineteen states have

State Motor Fuel Tax Rates

(Cents-per-Gallon)



Source: American Petroleum Institute, December 2018
<https://www.api.org/oil-and-natural-gas/consumer-information/motor-fuel-taxes/gasoline-tax>

implemented some form of fee collection from alternative fuel vehicle owners.

➤ **Option: Adopt an annual Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fee to put Ohio in line with other states.**
Alignment with fees in neighboring states would be a sensible guideline.

Study alternatives to the motor fuel vehicle user fee. The threat of constrained oil supplies and an ever-increasing number of alternative-fueled vehicles make it clear that the long-term use of petroleum-based fuels will be dwindling. Ohio must engage in the ongoing national discussion related to alternative funding methodologies.

➤ **Option: Engage in future funding discussion through research, debate and, when appropriate, pilot project activities for a primary funding alternative.**

Identify a dedicated funding source for public transit. Public transit is a major user of roads and bridges. Transit operates for the benefit of Ohio's citizens and for assisting in the efficient operations of our highway system. Given the high concentration of metropolitan areas and the great needs for rural mobility among various segments of our population, Ohio can no longer remain 41st in the nation for state assistance in funding transit.

➤ **Option: The legislature must identify a dedicated funding source that, in combination with transit user fees and existing local funding sources, broadens the positive impact that transit provides in both urban and rural areas of our state. State general revenue funding for transit has been reduced drastically since its peak in FY 2000 at \$44 million. While even more money is needed, the state should at least restore the spending power equal to the appropriation at the beginning of this century.**

CONCLUSION

Addressing the massive funding gap facing Ohio's transportation system will require strong leadership from the Governor and the General Assembly to ensure Ohio's economic vitality. FOR Ohio stands ready to be part of the solution.

State Transit Investment by Per Capita Funding

State	State Transit Funding FY 2016	Per Capita FY 2016
DC	\$ 531,633,000	\$ 776.86
Massachusetts	\$ 1,729,471,556	\$ 253.45
New York	\$ 5,011,381,700	\$ 252.64
Alaska	\$ 173,199,886	\$ 233.57
Illinois	\$ 2,574,752,065	\$ 200.59
Maryland	\$ 1,125,249,671	\$ 186.77
Connecticut	\$ 582,693,314	\$ 162.41
Delaware	\$ 138,327,530	\$ 145.20
Pennsylvania	\$ 1,647,371,630	\$ 128.83
Minnesota	\$ 416,207,000	\$ 75.33
California	\$ 2,301,559,553	\$ 58.57
Rhode Island	\$ 54,521,504	\$ 51.55
New Jersey	\$ 349,353,029	\$ 38.91
Virginia	\$ 275,122,201	\$ 32.70
Michigan	\$ 265,995,916	\$ 26.78
Wisconsin	\$ 110,737,500	\$ 19.18
Florida	\$ 346,922,736	\$ 16.79
Vermont	\$ 7,616,974	\$ 12.22
Washington	\$ 85,568,222	\$ 11.75
Indiana	\$ 62,437,577	\$ 9.41
Oregon	\$ 37,221,670	\$ 9.11
North Carolina	\$ 87,843,069	\$ 8.65
North Dakota	\$ 5,182,054	\$ 6.86
Tennessee	\$ 45,182,784	\$ 6.80
Wyoming	\$ 3,025,405	\$ 5.17
Iowa	\$ 15,751,761	\$ 5.03
Kansas	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 3.78
Nebraska	\$ 6,297,705	\$ 3.30
New Mexico	\$ 6,643,800	\$ 3.19
Colorado	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 2.71
Oklahoma	\$ 5,750,000	\$ 1.47
West Virginia	\$ 2,347,569	\$ 1.28
South Carolina	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 1.21
Arkansas	\$ 3,492,826	\$ 1.17
South Dakota	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1.16
Texas	\$ 30,341,068	\$ 1.09
Louisiana	\$ 4,955,000	\$ 1.06
New Hampshire	\$ 1,265,548	\$ 0.95
Maine	\$ 1,147,845	\$ 0.86
Montana	\$ 675,000	\$ 0.65
Ohio	\$ 7,300,000	\$ 0.63
Mississippi	\$ 1,628,000	\$ 0.55
Kentucky	\$ 1,875,297	\$ 0.42
Georgia	\$ 3,071,913	\$ 0.30
Idaho	\$ 312,000	\$ 0.22
Missouri	\$ 1,045,875	\$ 0.17
Alabama	\$ 0	\$ 0
Arizona	\$ 0	\$ 0
Hawaii	\$ 0	\$ 0
Nevada	\$ 0	\$ 0
Utah	\$ 0	\$ 0
Totals	\$ 18,095,478,753	

Source: AASHTO, Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation 2018

FIX OUR ROADS OHIO COALITION

Fix Our Roads Ohio (FOR Ohio) is a coalition of stakeholders that have united in an effort to educate state leaders on the critical needs of Ohio's transportation infrastructure, and to advocate for a dedicated funding solution that provides long-term, smart investment in Ohio's transportation future.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ohio Municipal League
County Commissioners Association of Ohio
County Engineers Association of Ohio
Ohio Township Association
Ohio Mayors Alliance
Northeast Ohio Mayors and City Managers Association
Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association
Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association
Ohio Rural Economic Development Alliance
Ohio Public Transit Association

BUSINESS

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Greater Cleveland Partnership
Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association
AAA Clubs of Ohio
Dayton Area Logistics Association
Ohio Restaurant Association
Ohio Manufacturers' Association

TRANSPORTATION

American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio
Flexible Pavements of Ohio
Ohio Trucking Association
Ohio Aggregates and Industrial Minerals Association
Ohio Contractors Association
Transportation Advocacy Group of Northwest Ohio
Ohio Association of Movers
Ohio Prestressers Association

REGIONAL COUNCILS

Ohio Association of Regional Councils
Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS)
Belomar Regional Council and Interstate Planning Commission
Brooke-Hancock Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission
Buckeye Hills Regional Council
Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee
Eastgate Regional Council of Governments
Erie County Regional Planning Commission
KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission
Licking County Planning Commission; Licking County Area Transportation Study
Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Logan-Union Champaign Regional Planning Commission
Maumee Valley Planning Organization
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC)
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)
Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)
Northeast Ohio Four-County Regional Planning & Development Organization
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI)
Richland County Regional Planning Commission
Stark County Regional Planning Commission
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)
Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission

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