

Transportation Legislative Agenda of the Toledo Region

2017-2018

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Streets, Highways, and Bridges Policy Brief

FEDERAL Priorities

- Support a sustainable approach to infrastructure funding that provides a long-term solution and addresses the growing backlog of necessary infrastructure investments. Generate additional revenue.
- Enable local flexibility to use federal funds according to locally identified needs. Permit municipalities to use innovative financial techniques to manage projects.

- ✓ *Improved safety and economic opportunity are top reasons for improving our network.*
- ✓ *Invest to prevent bottlenecks and connect Ohio business to markets.*

STATE Priorities

- Support an increase in Ohio's base vehicle license plate fee and allow counties and municipalities to enact permissive use plate fees.
- Continue to enable Transportation Improvement District (TID) programs as a vital tool to finance transportation projects.
- Assist municipalities with full funding for resurfacing and reconstruction on U.S. and state routes within their jurisdiction such as by expanding ODOT's Urban Paving Program.
- Maintain the Jobs & Commerce division grant funding program and the Ohio Development Services Agency Roadwork Development (629) program.
- Continue the State Capital Improvements Program and Local Transportation Improvements Program administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission and the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program.
- Participate in a study of a new I-73/74/75 corridor connecting South Carolina to Michigan via Ohio.

PROJECT Priorities

- Widen I-475/US 23 to six lanes between Central Avenue (US 20) and the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 24).
- Construct a new interchange at I-475 and Dorr Street.
- Construct a new interchange at I-475 and US 20A and upgrade US 20A between I-475 and the Toledo Express Airport.
- Complete the reconstruction of the Anthony Wayne Trail between Toledo and Maumee and replace the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge near City Park Avenue.
- Reconstruct I-75 from South Avenue to Dorr Street in Downtown Toledo.
- Reconstruct I-75 from Glenwood Road in Wood County to South Avenue in Lucas County including the I-75 DiSalle Bridge over the Maumee River and the intermodal connector ramps at South Avenue and Miami Street.
- Improve interchanges along the I-75 corridor including upgrading the interchange at Wooster Street (SR 64) in Bowling Green and the interchange at Cygnet Road in southern Wood County.
- Connect Fostoria to I-75.
- Widen I-75 through Findlay.
- Replace the I-75 Brent-Spence Bridge over the Ohio River.
- Invest in Intelligent Transportation Systems to support connected and automated vehicles.



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