

Transportation Legislative Agenda of the Toledo Region

2017-2018

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Air Transportation Policy Brief

FEDERAL Priorities

- Support efforts to preserve and modernize the transportation assets of the Ohio Air National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing at Toledo Express Airport (TOL). Retain the Terminal Radar Approach Control facilities (TRACON) operation at TOL as critical to maintaining the operational integrity of the 180th's homeland security mission, which requires immediate launch of F-16 fighter jets and close coordination with the TOL air traffic control tower.
- Support with funding, regulatory clearances, etc., the recommendations of the Airport Master Plan for TOL as updated by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.
- Support establishment of Priority Conservation Areas to allow mitigation of wetlands on a watershed basis rather than parcel-by-parcel.
- Promote the safe use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) commonly known as drones.

✓ *Runway investments at air facilities throughout the region, such as the Wood County Regional Airport, are needed to retain or expand freight and passenger activity.*

STATE Priorities

- Implement the recommendations of ODOT's [Ohio Airports Focus Study](#).
- Improve connectivity of airports to surface modes. Specifically, relocate US 20A to accommodate TOL's north/south runway extension and improve connections to I-475 via US 20A. Improve TOL's connections to the new US 24 via SR 295.
- Support funding for runway and other improvements to increase the airside capacity of TOL when logistics operations expand beyond its current capacity.
- Promote consistency between federal and state regulation of unmanned aircraft systems commonly known as drones. Prohibit drone use near critical infrastructure; update circumstances that constitute trespass, and balance surveillance and privacy issues with opportunities for UAS economic development.

LOCAL Priorities

- At Toledo Express Airport, construct ring roads and inter-terminal non-public roads (with grade separation from public streets) to allow direct triple trailer truck access to all terminals and campuses of the park.
- Update the control tower at Toledo Express Airport.

REGIONAL Viewpoint

- Aviation is critical to a balanced cargo and passenger system. Success of the air transport mode depends greatly upon excellent connectivity to regional road and railways and upon preserving and expanding airport infrastructure. The airport division of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority operates the City of Toledo's two airports—Toledo Express Airport and Toledo Executive Airport. The airports support four major areas of aviation operations: passenger, cargo, general aviation, and military. Each operational area is important to the economic vitality of the airport and the northwest Ohio region.



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