Transportation Legislative Agenda of the Toledo Region

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Logistics Transportation Policy Brief

FEDERAL Priorities

- Continue to implement the FAST Act freight programs such as developing a National Highway Freight program that includes funding for Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects. Continue funding for the Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grants.
- Improve connectivity between freight modes, freight facilities, and key industrial areas where freight-intensive production is possible in the future or is occurring now.
- The shortage of commercial vehicle drivers is prompting a crisis in freight transportation. Support short-term relief and long-term incentives that address workforce issues across the supply chain including reasonable hours of services and other driver regulations.
- Foster a bilateral approach to U.S.—Canadian trade policy and border management that enhances the secure flow of goods and people across our shared border.

- ✓ ***In the next 10 years, national freight tonnage will grow dramatically and Toledo is the at the center of this trend. The region's strategic geography includes the intersection of I-80/90 & I-75, CSX North Baltimore National Gateway, Norfolk Southern Airline Yard, and the Toledo Seaport.***
- ✓ ***Marine, rail, runway, and roadway assets provide access to market, workforce, and significant industrial space.***
- ✓ ***Prominent sectors include agriculture, automotive, energy, food processing, and advanced manufacturing.***

STATE Priorities

- Review existing state laws and regulations for impediments to the safe testing and deployment of connected and automated vehicles including truck platooning and alternative fuels. Avoid creating a patchwork of inconsistent state laws by working with other states to standardize transport networks and support adoption of best practices.
- Promote design standards that remove impediments to the safe flow of freight by investing in truck-friendly intersections, ramps, turning lanes, and eliminating rail/highway conflicts. Expand commercial truck parking initiatives.

LOCAL Priorities

- Evaluate, maintain, and upgrade pipeline infrastructure and leverage supply chain links. Leverage the region's strategic location for trans-loading oil and gas products in a safe and efficient manner to support oil and gas production and refinement, and energy independence.
- Address the labor shortage in the logistics industry through development and training of CDL drivers, vehicle mechanics, and technicians with high school and community college programs.
- Support the initiatives of the northwest Ohio / southeast Michigan Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a multi-county collaboration that leverages transportation assets and other regional competitive advantages to attract and retain jobs and investment in the region.

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