

# Transportation Legislative Agenda of the Toledo Region

2017-2018

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## Public Transportation Policy Brief

### FEDERAL Priorities

- Retain the federal Mass Transit Account (MTA) of the Highway Trust Fund and increase its revenues.
- Incentivize cleaner, greener fleets and fund the replacement of existing diesel buses with environmentally sustainable, alternatively fueled vehicles.
- Retain the transit commuter tax benefit at the same level as the parking tax benefit.
- Retain the alternative fuels tax credit.

- ✓ *Transit service requires a viable, regional solution, without which our region will be left behind.*
- ✓ *Seniors, baby boomers, and millennials increasingly seek alternatives to the automobile.*
- ✓ *Transit provides workforce connectivity. Approximately 60 % of transit trips are to and from work.*

### STATE Priorities

- Support the recommendations contained in the 2015 ODOT [Statewide Transit Needs Study](#), including: increased capital funding, better regionalization of transit systems, and the establishment of a bi-partisan state legislative commission to develop ways to create a reliable, dedicated, and sufficient funding stream to increase public transit services in Ohio.

### LOCAL Priorities

- Support implementation of locally developed Coordinated Public Transportation and Human Service Transportation plans in [Lucas](#) and [Wood](#) counties to coordinate transportation services between counties and among all providers—public, private, and non-profit.
- Eliminate the “downtown loop” in Toledo and create a multimodal transit center.
- Extend hours of service, strengthen regional connections, and offer faster, more direct routes.
- Address the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes. Provide strategies for meeting these needs, and prioritize transportation services for funding and implementation.
- Improve productivity in service delivery by implementing one-call/one-click information for users.
- Continue adding mechanisms to coordinate under/unserved areas in Wood County.

### FUNDING Priorities

- Support efforts to fund and operate a truly regional, seamless public transit system to serve all of the greater Toledo metropolitan area including all of Lucas County. Provide cost-effective access to surrounding counties and connections to and between major cities in the region.

### REGIONAL Viewpoint

- Successful regions are characterized by a full range of safe, reliable, accessible, and reasonably priced transit services. Mobility should be available to all Ohioans regardless of ability, age, or inclusion in any other federally protected class. It should be available to people regardless of their economic status. Transit services link employees to their places of employment and centers of commerce. Transit connects people to healthy food options, and to medical, educational, religious, and recreational activities.



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