

Talking Points – HB 62 as proposed by ODOT

- Calling to encourage your support of HB 62, the biennial transportation budget bill, as recommended by Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Transportation.
- When Governor DeWine took office, he inherited a serious financial problem at ODOT, that, left unchecked, will soon become a financial crisis.
- The effects of inflation since the last gas tax adjustment in 2005 combined with the accumulation of a large debt at ODOT and the many unmet needs at the state and local levels, mean that something must be done to fill a large deficit and fund much needed construction projects in our area and around Ohio.
- Ohio has the 2nd highest number of bridges in the country, the 4th largest interstate highway system and carries the 3rd most freight of any state in the country. We need to take better care of this very important economic development resource.
- Nearly 20% of major roads in the state have been rated as in poor condition, and more than 1,600 bridges have been found to be deficient. These roads and bridges are so unsafe that we are unnecessarily risking lives by leaving our infrastructure in disrepair and allowing more accidents to occur.
- This is a safety issue for those traveling on Ohio's roads. The worse our state's roads and bridges are, the longer it takes fire trucks, ambulances, and other emergency responders to get to those in need, especially when minutes can mean the difference between life and death.
- The Ohio Constitution requires that revenue from gas taxes can only be used for construction, maintenance and administration of state and local highways, roads and bridges. State politicians can't use this money for any other projects or programs.
- Governor DeWine's proposal to increase the state motor fuel tax by 18 cents per gallon will keep Ohio in line with gas taxes in our surrounding states, fix the financial mess and fund an adequate roadway maintenance and improvement program for years to come.
- The proposal has received support from a large number of local government officials, public safety groups, local chambers of commerce, transportation industry stakeholders, and labor groups, who understand the importance of Ohio's transportation infrastructure and are advocating for long term, smart investment in Ohio's transportation future.

List of Supporters of HB 62 as proposed by ODOT

AAA Clubs of Ohio
ACT Ohio
Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS)
American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio
American Society of Civil Engineers
Belomar Regional Council and Interstate Planning Commission
BIA of Central Ohio
Brooke-Hancock Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission
Buckeye Hills Regional Council
Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association
Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee
Clean Fuels Ohio
Columbus Chamber of Commerce
COTA
County Commissioners Association of Ohio
County Engineers Association of Ohio
Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
Dayton Area Logistics Association
Eastgate Regional Council of Governments
Emergency Management Association of Ohio
Erie County Regional Planning Commission
Fix Our Roads Ohio
Flexible Pavements of Ohio
Greater Akron Chamber Of Commerce
Greater Cleveland Partnership
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18
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
Northeast Ohio Mayors and City Managers Association
Ohio Aggregates and Industrial Minerals Association
Ohio Association of Movers
Ohio Association of Public Safety Directors
Ohio Association of Regional Councils
Ohio Chemistry Technology Council
Ohio Concrete
Ohio Contractors Association
Ohio Council of County Officials
Ohio Equipment Distributors Association
Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association
Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association
Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Ohio Mayors Alliance
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
Ohio Municipal League
Ohio Prestressers Association
Ohio Public Transit Association
Ohio Restaurant Association
Ohio Rural Development Alliance
Ohio Township Association
Ohio Trucking Association
Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission
Richland County Regional Planning Commission
Stark County Regional Planning Commission
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Transportation Advocacy Group of Northwest Ohio
UNITED Equipment Dealers Association
UPS
Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission
Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce