



MOVE OHIO

MOVEOhio is a diverse state-wide coalition of advocates who represent the interests of everyday transportation users. Our vision is a better funded multi-modal transportation network in Ohio that prioritizes a complete network of affordable and accessible transportation options, including public transit, passenger and freight rail, and walkable, bikeable streets.

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TRANSIT IS
ESSENTIAL TO OHIO



OUR PLATFORM



Increased Funding

We support an increase in transit and rail funding in the state transportation budget to \$150 million, and the establishment of a multi-modal development fund within the ODOT budget.



Dedicated Funding

Transit funding in Ohio is currently unstable therefore we support a state level dedicated funding source such as state bonds or a tax revenue-based source.



Ohio Depends on Transit

Transit connects workers to jobs and without these investments economic development in all areas of the state will suffer. Our economy, schools, health and social structures depend on transit.



Economic Recovery

As Ohio emerges into a post-Covid era, we will face many challenges in our workforce and where that workforce goes to work. Transit creates jobs and connects people to existing jobs.

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To Governor Mike Dewine & The Ohio General Assembly,



Thank you for approving \$70-million dollars a year for public transit in 2019. It was a victory, not only for Ohioans who depend on public transit, but also one for Ohio's businesses who depend on a broad, ready workforce. Your investment is already enabling Ohio's transit providers to purchase new equipment, re-examine and adjust more routes and expand services to connect more Ohioans with better jobs, education, health care and other daily needs.

That was the good news from 2019. The continuing bad news is that after a decade of shifting more of ODOT's transit funding to General Revenue Funds, the 2019 increase came entirely from GRF dollars. ODOT successfully fought the original request to use a portion of its federal "flex" funds to support public transit, when that is precisely the use for which those federal dollars are awarded to states.

As you know, GRF funding is inherently unstable from biennial budget to biennial budget. The pot of funds changes year to year due to the ebb and flow of state revenues and new demands on those funds.

The turmoil of 2020 has shown how essential public transit is for the health and economy of our state. Through the pandemic transit connected our essential workers to jobs that are necessary to keeping our state running: grocery stores, hospitals, warehouses and more.

We MUST continue to invest in Ohio's public transit systems and build on our state's efforts in creating more and better bikeways and safe, walkable neighborhoods.

In order for Ohio's economy to rebound we must commit to investing even more in public transportation: ensuring transit systems and projects on a more stable, predictable financial footing. Ohio's non-highway transportation options need to be expanded to connect our urban, suburban, and rural areas and meet the needs of all Ohioans. Transit connects workers to jobs and without these investments economic development in all areas of the state will suffer. Our economy, schools, health and social structures depend on transit.

Even the racial divides and injustices that have driven many Ohioans into the streets to rightfully protest have their roots in the limited options many Ohioans have due to lack of access to transportation.

We urge you to support not just an increase in transit and rail funding to \$150 million, but also the establishment of a multi-modal development fund within the ODOT budget with a dedicated funding source, whether that comes from issuing state bonds or from identifying a tax revenue-based source.

As Ohio emerges into a post-Covid era, we will face many challenges in our workforce and where that workforce goes to work. There will also be a significant, long-term demand for good-paying jobs, especially in the construction and manufacturing sectors connected to major public transportation projects.

MOVEOhio and our allies stand ready to work with you, starting right now, on a deeper, broader investment in rail, transit, bikeways and safe, walkable neighborhoods.

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