



Ohio Municipal League
Transportation Infrastructure Funding Statement

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The Ohio Municipal League is pleased to release our Transportation Infrastructure Funding Statement in light of Substitute HB 62, the state's Transportation Budget for FY20-FY21.

This statement is the result of a comprehensive study of the transportation infrastructure needs unique to municipalities. Our position offers sustainable policies that take action and provide long-term funding solutions to funding the maintenance and improvement of municipal roads and bridges.

The League also aims to spotlight the critical role municipal transportation infrastructure plays in connections to commerce, education, health services and culture. Ohio drivers rely on safe roads and bridges to connect them to employment and social services. First responders depend on safe roadways to ensure the citizens in their care get fire, police and EMS responses as soon as possible. With 8.5 million Ohioans and 80% of businesses located in municipalities, it is hard to overstate the need for safe transportation infrastructure, as well as the cost of not properly funding safe roads and bridges.

The League's Transportation Infrastructure Funding Statement is a tool designed to both educate and provide real, actionable and sustainable funding solutions. We encourage our member to use the information enclosed to impress upon their legislative delegation the need to properly fund transportation infrastructure. Cities and villages are the economic engines of Ohio, and investment in municipal transportation infrastructure is a key part of ensuring a safe and prosperous future for our state.

Respectfully,

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