

Transportation Budget
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- Re-combine HB 35 & HB 51 into one bill – Sub. HB 51.
- Require the Director of the Department of Transportation to establish a turnpike mitigation program for assisting political subdivisions address concerns resulting from proximity to the Ohio Turnpike including noise mitigation, bridge embankments & repair, drainage, grade separations, and other related conditions.
- Allow a deputy registrar to sell the equipment necessary to participate in the Ohio Turnpike's E-ZPass system.
- Restore the Northern Ohio Fire Fighters as a nominating organization for two members of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services.
- Increases the House-added transfer of revenue from the International Registration Plan Distribution Fund to the State Highway Safety Fund by \$1 million per fiscal year.
- OBM – Clarify that ODOT may partner with other governmental agencies and private entities for aviation projects.
- Remove the provision that would allow ODOT to charge a one-time access permit processing fee for gaining access to a state road or highway from one's own property.
- OBM - Increase the appropriation authority by \$345,000 per fiscal year in the EMS line item 765624 to account for the board merger already contained in the bill. This was inadvertently left out of the as introduced bill draft.
- Remove from the bill the provisions that increased overweight vehicle limits and permits; however, this amendment retains in the bill the new provision of 4513.34 that a separate traffic violation does not invalidate a permit.
- Remove from the bill a provision that would increase general maximum length of certain vehicles from 40 to 50 feet for their operation on public roads.
- Increase the state's maximum speed limit to 70 MPH on interstate freeways outside of urban areas. Also, sets the maximum speed limit for interstate freeway outerbelts in urban areas at 65 MPH and on interstate freeways in congested areas at 55 MPH as determined by the Director of ODOT. Specify that the intent is not to lower speed limits currently in effect on any freeway.
- In addition to steel, clarify that license plates may also be made from aluminum, plastic, or other suitable materials.
- Create the option for persons when purchasing new license plates to retain their number and letter combination from previously issued sets of license plates upon the payment of a \$10 fee and allow the deputy registrar to retain \$1 of that fee. This would not apply to people who purchase personalized plates.
- Require stop signs be erected at railroad highway grade crossings when upgrades are made or when new crossings are constructed.
- Allow vehicles fueled by compressed natural gas to exceed by 2,000 pounds certain weight limits, but specify that this allowance does not apply to the operation of such vehicles on roads subject to reduced weight limits.
- OBM - Clarify that the Ohio Emergency Management Agency may use a portion of their set-aside in the bill for maintenance of the statewide fire emergency response plan.
- Remove the provision creating an ODOT traveler information program for real-time traffic conditions.
- OBM - Remove the provision requiring ODOT to reimburse for the cost of relocating county water and sewer facilities due to highway construction projects.

- Specify that the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Department of Transportation Funding, in addition to the other tasks assigned to it, should study the elimination of the Ohio motor fuel tax.
- Eliminate the requirement that every deputy registrar office be open until 6:30 p.m. on at least one weeknight.
- Modify a provision in the bill with regards to the board merger to read that Public Safety shall administer “any laws and rules relative to the medical transportation services specified in Chapter 4766 of the Revised Code.”
- Permit a company that owns or leases a fleet of apportioned motor vehicles to apply, in certain instances, to the Registrar for a license plate bearing the logo of that company for an additional fee of \$6 per vehicle.
- Modify the definition of “bicycle” to specify that a bicycle may have more than two wheels and delete references to certain wheel arrangements.
- Require the Registrar to adopt rules to allow a trailer or semi-trailer to be registered for any number of years including a permanent registration and establish limits on fees for this purpose. (Current law limits the duration of registration to 5 years.)
- Clarify the intent of the language in the bill regarding the payments made to communities losing racetracks to ensure that each municipal corporation or township will receive the full amount intended upon original enactment of the settlement fund.
- Permit a state agency, in an effort to control travel expense costs, to use a state contract rental vehicle provider for employee vehicle travel exceeding 100 miles.
- Increase the fund transfer and appropriation authority for the Grade Crossings – Maintenance 776669 line item by \$2.5 million per fiscal year.
- Require the appointment of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission director to be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.
- Make a technical change by removing a comma from section 4505.11.
- LSC conforming amendment.