

**Testimony of Linda Bailiff, Director  
Ohio Public Works Commission**

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Chair McColley and Committee members, good afternoon. I am Linda Bailiff, Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Commission's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

The Ohio Public Works Commission budget provides for existing programs and staff. The request is designed to maintain the program objectives for the State Capital Improvement (SCIP), Local Transportation Improvement (LTIP), and Clean Ohio Conservation Programs (COCP). The Transportation Budget Bill, H.B. 62, contains the LTIP capital and operating requests; whereas, operating and debt service line items for the other two programs will be contained in the forthcoming State Budget Bill. We understand that we are scheduled to receive a substantial increase in LTIP as part of the Governor's proposed gas tax increase. Our full request will allow the Commission to continue to respond to needs of Ohio's local governments.

The Commission's budget request is based on the retention of our existing staff. The Commission aligned its budget request to reflect the administrative effort necessary to manage all of our programs which is less than one-half percent of our total funding. Administrative, maintenance, and equipment costs incurred by the Commission are shared between our various programs with 60% (SCIP), 20% (LTIP), and 20% (COCP).

We would like to note our portfolio of projects. We currently have over 1,800 active infrastructure and Clean Ohio Projects and over 2,400 active loans. These numbers will increase as we process this year's submissions. The Governor's proposed motor fuel tax increase could result in an increase of about 125 projects next year. The Commission stands committed to working with our local partners in seeing all funded projects to completion with the resources contained in our budget request.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today. Our staff and I are happy to respond to any questions or concerns.