

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may experience minimal costs to erect signs along I-75 near Toledo, Lima, Dayton, and Cincinnati, and outside the municipal boundaries of SR 126, SR 744, SR 4, and US 127. The Ohio Department of Transportation does not erect signs within municipal boundaries, but does erect them outside municipal boundaries and within townships. Costs for signage is estimated at \$200 per sign, and at one location two signs are usually erected, one in each direction, for a minimal total of \$400. Since the bill directs the Department to erect signs along I-75 near Toledo, Lima, Dayton, and Cincinnati, the Highway Operating Fund may experience costs of approximately \$1,600 or more; however, private donations may offset all or a part of these costs. It is unknown if the Department will install signs outside the municipal boundaries of SR 126, SR 744, SR 4, US 127, and near the William R. Foster Bridge. The signage costs for these five locations could amount to \$2,000.

The Department may experience minimal savings for not submitting a force account project assessment form to the Auditor of State for maintenance and repair projects. Most of these maintenance and repair projects, such as snow plowing and pothole filling, are done by the Department. These projects will still be subject to the current force account limits.

Local fiscal effects

Various municipalities located along I-75 (Toledo, Bowling Green, Van Buren, Findley, Bluffton, Lima, Wapakoneta, Sidney, Piqua, Troy, Dayton, and Cincinnati) may experience costs to manufacture, erect, and maintain signs within their boundaries. These costs are estimated to be the same as the state. Due to the length of this stretch of I-75, it is unknown which municipalities may choose to erect signs.

The following municipalities may experience costs to erect signs along the following routes: for SR 126 - Venice, Shandon, and Okena; for SR 744 - Jacksonburg; for SR 4 - Hamilton, Fairfield, Le Sourdsville, and Middleton; for US 127 - Seven Mile, Collinsville, Camden, and Eaton; for the William R. Foster Bridge - Hamilton or Fairfield.

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