

**Testimony of Michael Miller, Director
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Chair McColley, and members of the House Finance – Transportation Subcommittee, good morning. I am Michael Miller, Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Ohio Public Works Commission=s Fiscal Year 2018-2019 contained in House Bill 49.

As your aware, the Ohio Public Works Commission budget represents a continuation budget to maintain existing programs and staff. The FY 18-19 budget request is designed to maintain the program objectives for the State Capital Improvement, Local Transportation Improvement, and Clean Ohio Conservation Programs. It includes our operating request for the State Capital Improvement and Clean Ohio Conservation Programs. This will allow the Commission to continue to respond to the needs of Ohio=s local governments and maintain existing services.

House Bill 49 also includes debt service line items for the State Capital Improvement and Clean Ohio Conservation Programs. In addition to this, the legislation maintains permissive temporary language to allow District Public Works Integrating and Natural Resource Assistance Committee to recoup expenses incurred in the rating and ranking process.

The Commission=s budget request is based on a few principles. First, retention of our existing staff. Second, the Commission aligned its budget

request to reflect the administrative effort necessary to manage all of our programs. Administrative, maintenance, and equipment costs incurred by the Commission are shared between our various programs with 60% (SCIP), 20% (LTIP), and 20% (COCP).

The Commission's State Local Transportation Improvement Program capital and operating requests are contained in the Transportation Budget Bill. The programs State Capital Improvement and Clean Ohio Program capital request was contained in last General Assemblies Capital Bill.

Given this is a continuation budget, it is important to note the portfolio of active project. We currently have over 1,800 active infrastructure and Clean Ohio Projects and over 2,400 active loans. I expect this number to increase as we continue to process district submissions. The Commission stands committed to working with our local partners in seeing these projects to completion with the resources contained in this legislation.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be happy to respond to any questions or concerns that you may have.