

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

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Good morning, Chairman Schuring and Committee members. I am Linda Bailiff, Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Commission=s Fiscal Year 20-21 budget.

Our budget is a continuation to maintain existing programs and staff. This 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 recently approved Transportation Budget Bill, H.B. 62, contains the Local Transportation capital and operating requests; whereas, H.B. 166 contains operating and debt service line items for the other two programs. Our full request will allow us to continue to respond to the needs of Ohio=s local governments and maintain existing services.

The budget request is based on the retention of our existing staff. We've aligned our request to reflect the administrative effort necessary to manage all of our programs which is less than one-half percent of our total program funds. Administrative, maintenance, and equipment costs are shared between our various programs with 60% (State Capital), 20% (Local Transportation), and 20% (Clean Ohio).

Given this is a continuation budget, it is important to note our project portfolio. We currently have over 1,800 active infrastructure and Clean Ohio projects and over 2,400 active loans. These numbers are continuing to increase as we process this year's submissions. We stand committed to working with our local partners in seeing these projects to completion with the resources contained in our budget request.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today. With me is Matt Markey, our Chief Financial Officer, and Abbey Dehart, our Loan Officer. We are happy to respond to any questions or concerns.