

Sub. H.B. 33
As Passed by the Senate
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_____ moved to amend as follows:

After line 277682a insert: 1
"5ZR0 776673 Connect4Ohio \$500,000,000 \$0 2
In line 277683, add \$500,000,000 to fiscal year 2024 3
In line 277684, add \$500,000,000 to fiscal year 2024 4
After line 277703 insert: 5

"Section 411.30. CONNECT4OHIO 6

The foregoing appropriation item 776673, Connect4Ohio, shall 7
be used to administer the Connect4Ohio Program established under 8
Section 755.30 of this act. Notwithstanding any provision of law 9
to the contrary, funding provided to administer the Connect4Ohio 10
Program shall include any local matching portion of project 11
funding required, if not otherwise already funded. 12

The unexpended, unencumbered portion of appropriation item 13
776673, Connect4Ohio, at the end of fiscal year 2024 is hereby 14
reappropriated to appropriation item 776673, Connect4Ohio, for the 15
same purpose in fiscal year 2025." 16

In line 279136, delete the period and insert "; and 17

(AC) Up to \$500,000,000 cash to the Connect4Ohio Fund (Fund 18

5ZR0), which is hereby created in the state treasury." 19

After line 281366, insert: 20

"**Section 755.30.** (A) As used in this section, "rural county" 21
means a county that does not contain a municipal corporation with 22
a population greater than fifty-five thousand residents according 23
to the most recent federal decennial census. 24

(B) The Connect4Ohio Program is created, and the Department 25
of Transportation shall administer the Program. The purpose of the 26
Program is to assist in creating seamless transportation 27
connections throughout all of Ohio and, by doing so, to make it 28
easier for all Ohio workers to commute from their homes to 29
employment centers. 30

(C) As part of the Program, the Department and the 31
Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) shall work together 32
to provide funding for unfunded projects included on the "Final 33
2023 - 2026 Major New Construction Program List, TRAC Tier 1 - 34
Construction Commitments; TRAC Tier 2 - Development Commitments; 35
TRAC Tier 3 - Development Commitments" document that was published 36
by the Department on March 29, 2023. The provision of funding 37
shall be consistent with the following priorities: 38

(1) Completing existing corridor projects, particularly 39
corridor projects that benefit two or more connected rural 40
counties; 41

(2) Eliminating traffic impediments on county, township, 42
state, and federal highway routes, particularly within rural 43
counties; 44

(3) Funding such projects at one hundred per cent of the 45
project cost, when appropriate, particularly for projects that are 46
located in a rural county or that extend between two or more 47

connected rural counties; 48

(4) Providing the necessary matching funds to receive TRAC 49
approval for any construction projects that are related to the 50
Program and its purpose. 51

(D) The Director of Transportation shall establish any 52
procedures and requirements necessary to administer this section." 53

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Connect4Ohio Program 54

Sections 411.30, 513.10, and 755.30 55

Reestablishes Fund 5ZR0 ALI 776673, Connect4Ohio, as under 56
the House-passed version of the bill, but reduces the funding for 57
the new Connect4Ohio Program from \$1,000,000,000 to \$500,000,000 58
in FY 2024. 59

Requires that this funding be used to administer the program 60
and cover any required local matching project funds that are not 61
already otherwise funded. Reappropriates the unexpended, 62
unencumbered portion of this appropriation for the same purpose in 63
FY 2025. 64

Supports the appropriation through a transfer of \$500,000,000 65
cash from the FY 2023 GRF ending balance to Fund 5ZR0. 66

Establishes the Connect4Ohio Program, administered by the 67
Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), similar to the 68
House-Passed version of the bill, but with changes from that 69
version. 70

Defines "rural county" to mean a county that does not contain	71
a municipal corporation with a population greater than 55,000	72
residents, according to the most recent federal decennial census.	73
Requires ODOT and the Transportation Review Advisory Council	74
(TRAC) to work together to provide funding for projects on TRAC's	75
construction and development list, including prioritizing all of	76
the following, particularly in rural counties:	77
1. Completing existing corridor projects;	78
2. Eliminating traffic impediments along highways;	79
3. Funding projects at 100% of the project cost, when	80
appropriate; and	81
4. Providing matching community funds that are required for	82
TRAC approval of a project.	83
Requires the ODOT Director to establish any necessary	84
procedures or requirements for purposes of the Program.	85