

Testimony Before the Ohio House Transportation Committee
House Bill 83 – As Introduced
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Chairman Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today on House Bill 83, legislation that clarifies and adjusts the responsibilities of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for state highways located within municipal corporations, particularly Ohio's cities and villages.

My name is Cathy Mossing, and I serve as Mayor for the Village of Metamora. I appreciate the sponsors, Representatives Ferguson and McClain, for bringing this bill forward, and I'd like to offer our support for its intent, along with a few observations and recommendations.

House Bill 83 appropriately recognizes the differing capacities and needs of cities and villages when it comes to the maintenance of state highways within their borders.

Most notably, the bill removes the requirement for villages to formally request and authorize ODOT's maintenance and line-marking work on state highways. Instead, it mandates that these functions be performed automatically, but in consultation with the village. This change is both practical and welcome, especially for Ohio's smaller municipalities, like Metamora, that often lack the financial or technical capacity to manage this infrastructure on our own.

House Bill 83 represents a thoughtful and helpful update to Ohio's transportation statutes. It better aligns state responsibilities with municipal capacity and encourages strong partnerships between ODOT and local governments.

I respectfully urge this committee to advance House Bill 83, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Cathy Mossing
Mayor, Village of Metamora