

Ohio Senate
Senate Transportation Committee
For Committee Meeting February 27, 2025
Testimony of Todd R. Fischer

Chair Patton, Vice Chair Schaffer, Ranking Member Antonio, and the members of the Ohio Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony to express support for the passage of Sub. House Bill 54. My name is Todd Fischer and I am the Finance Director of the City of Brunswick.

As the Finance Director of the City and pursuant to City Charter Section 5.05, I administer the fiscal affairs of the City. We implement sound financial accounting practices to assure our stakeholders that their investments into their community are accounted for with the highest regard in financial laws and ethics.

The Boston Road Interchange Project mandated by ORC 5501.60 is not a project that the City of Brunswick supports nor is it viewed as an investment for our community. ORC 5501.60 is also silent as to who, exactly, is supposed to pay for this project with no estimated costs provided. Furthermore, this project would ruin entire neighborhoods, people's lives and the entire feel of our community.

This project is **not** included in the City's five-year capital plan nor has it been discussed as part of our infrastructure needs for the next thirty years. There is simply no desire of City Council or the City Administration to complete this project. In addition, the Ohio Senate also voted 30-1 in the last General Assembly to repeal this exact language in Amended Senate Bill 155. Although this bill was never signed into law, the results of that vote demonstrates that the large majority all agree and share similar opinions to repeal ORC 5501.60. Based on the overwhelming support to repeal this language to date, we asking for your consideration to repeal this law by adopting Sub. House Bill 54. With your vote – our residents will no longer have to look over their shoulder in fear that their home will be taken away and the City can get back to addressing our priorities and needs of the community.