



## Ohio *Still* Needs Transit

### Ohio Made Record Investments in Public Transportation in the Last Budget, Delivering Record Dividends

- Additional state funding resulted in more federal matching funds. The \$120 million in state GRF funding resulted in \$200 million in additional federal funding in the previous biennium. There are few better returns for state government.
- Transit funding was distributed everywhere in Ohio. 135 local agencies received a total of \$121 million in new investment, making a difference in 135 communities, rural, urban, and in-between, throughout Ohio. 71 counties received assistance.
- Funding programs supported rural and urban transportation programs. Other funding was focused on elderly and disabled fare assistance as well as specialty transportation programs. This helps individuals in those communities access vital services such medical appointments during the pandemic.
- Essential Service – the state funding provided nearly 100 million one-way trips to places like work and health care appointments, providing a critical cog to support Ohio's economic recovery. The funding also helped maintain 7,824 transit jobs.
- Transit services stepped up when Ohio needed them most. Transit services across Ohio used their vehicles and staff to deliver food and groceries to homebound seniors and foodbanks. Others helped transport patients to quarantine centers and medical appointments. Additionally, agencies suspended fares while continuing to provide safe access to essential services.
- **Despite all of the Coronavirus related services that public transit provides, the Governor's recently introduced budget reduces discretionary transit funding to its lowest level in decades!** Discretionary funding for public transit was reduced to \$7.3M, down from the \$70M investment made by the state in its last budget.
- Governor DeWine has not committed to spending additional federal revenue in order to backfill discretionary funding. Help us to maintain our previous levels of funding necessary to continue our service levels as we come out of the pandemic. Ask the Legislature to maintain its \$70M investment in Public Transit.

**Ohio made significant investments in public transportation in the last budget and that investment paid off. Ohio more than doubled its investment through federal funds, nearly every community benefited, jobs were maintained, and agencies stepped up in Ohio's time of need.**