

Substitute House Bill 74: Transportation Budget Summary

Public Transit: Doubles the proposed biennial total investment for public transportation, taking it to \$193.7 million over the next two years, specifically \$46.3 million GRF, \$66 million flex funds and \$81.4 million in FTA funding over the biennium.

Remove distracted driving provisions: Removes all of the as introduced bill's provisions related to distracted driving.

State Highway Patrol funding: Removes fee increases and provides an additional \$35 million per year in general revenue funds, solely for Highway Patrol operating costs.

Farm bus registration: Increases the validity period of a motor vehicle registration for a farm bus from 210 to 310 days, aligning the farm bus registration period to the time H-2A visas are valid.

Force accounts: Removes language from the introduced version that would have determined force account thresholds based on lane miles instead of centerline miles.

Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs): Allocates \$2.6 million per year to RTPOs for rural transportation planning grant programs.

Vehicle registration reminder notices: Clarifies electric vehicles are excluded from E-check. These vehicles are currently exempted, the provision clarifies that Ohio must provide electric vehicles the current exemption.

Rules regarding highway construction bidding: Requires ODOT to adopt rules that prevent any particular type of highway pavement from receiving priority in the bidding process. Specifies rules are to be promulgated through the 119 rule making process.

Landslide mitigation: Removes language that would permit ODOT to complete certain landslide mitigation projects without competitive bidding.

Joint Ownership with Right of Survivorship: Extends the joint survivorship provision in current law for motor vehicles, to all purpose vehicles and off-highway motorcycles. Allows owners who have title through joint ownership with right of survivorship to transfer that title through a transfer-on-death designation.

Transit Authority Membership & Taxation: Removes provision that temporarily reauthorizes a special procedure to allow certain subdivisions to join a regional transit authority (RTA) that levies a property tax and satisfies certain population criteria and to convert that property tax to a sales and use tax.

Signage: The bill includes a provision encouraging ODOT to install more "Keep Right Except To Pass" signs throughout Ohio.

Salvage certificates of title: Makes permanent a temporary provision of law that prohibits a clerk of court from issuing a salvage certificate of title if the only basis for issuing the title is information reported from the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System.

Revenue share fee exemption: Language prohibiting the Department of Administrative Services from charging a revenue share fee as a term or condition of a sale made through a cooperating purchasing program.

Remove navigable airspace provisions: Removes all of the as introduced bill's provisions related to navigable airspace.

Retail Service: Language clarifying an existing rule pertaining to the general prohibition against a retail seller charging any additional fee.

Land conveyance: Language authorizing the Governor to convey state-owned land in Jefferson County to the state for the benefit of the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District.

Township fire department vehicles: The sub-bill includes language adding township fire department vehicles in the as introduced bill's exemption from vehicle weight limits and permit requirements.