

Ohio Stakeholder Partnering

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Ohio's Local-Let Program

- ▶ 18 years of implementation
- ▶ 6th Largest LPA Program in the Nation
- ▶ Average 250 projects annually
- ▶ Construction value of \$320 million
- ▶ Average of 220 Local Public Agencies participating annually
- ▶ 12 DOT Districts with support staff – decentralized approach
- ▶ Certification Program - eLearning



Locals in Ohio

- ▶ 937 cities and villages
- ▶ 1,308 Townships
- ▶ 88 counties
- ▶ 28,942 bridges
- ▶ 70,500 miles of roads
- ▶ 3000 miles of bike paths
- ▶ 159 public use airports
- ▶ 12th highest transit ridership in U.S.



Why Stakeholder Partnering . . .

- ▶ Strengthen Relationships among Stakeholders
- ▶ Improve Performance on Locally-Administered Projects
- ▶ Establish Common Goals
- ▶ Identify Process Improvements
- ▶ Share Information
- ▶ Maintain Program Consistency
- ▶ Utilize Local Expertise and Experience
- ▶ Understand Differing Perspectives
- ▶ Streamline Processes



LPA Advisory Group – Getting Started

Selected/Invited Representative Group of Participants

- ▶ County Engineers
- ▶ Ohio Municipal League
- ▶ Township Association
- ▶ DOT District LPA Coordinator
- ▶ FHWA – Ohio Division
- ▶ Participating LPAs
- ▶ Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- ▶ Ohio Contractor's Association



Ohio Municipal League
Our Cities and Villages ★ Bringing Ohio to Life



Keeping it Simple

- ▶ Developed MOU outlining objectives of participation
 - ▶ Membership criteria
 - ▶ Terms
- ▶ Approximately 2-3 meetings per year
- ▶ Time limit on meetings – 2 hours
- ▶ Request agenda items from Advisory Group Members
- ▶ Focus on easily achievable goals – initially



The Advisory Group Suggested . . .

- ▶ Streamline processes – NEPA & Right-of-Way Requirements
- ▶ Provide more funding opportunities
- ▶ Consider LPA limited resources before implementing new initiatives



Making it Happen

- ▶ Streamline processes – NEPA & Right-of-Way Requirements
 - ▶ Worked with ODOT interdisciplinary team to provide technical support
 - ▶ Developed Fact Sheet for NEPA/ROW questions
- ▶ Provide more funding opportunities
 - ▶ Ohio Bridge Partnership Program
 - ▶ Utilization of Toll Revenue Credit
 - ▶ Federal/State Exchange
 - ▶ Funding Program Awareness/Education
- ▶ Consider limited resources before implementing initiatives
 - ▶ Advocate for locals on DOT policy
 - ▶ Partner with other agencies to consider impact to locals



Still Under Construction . . .

- ▶ Work is ongoing as requirements and funding trends change
- ▶ DOT needs to utilize Advisory Group expertise and experience outside of meetings
- ▶ Survey being developed to gauge success of LPA Program and seek recommendations for improvement
- ▶ Numerous stakeholder events and meetings held regularly with locals to improve Ohio's transportation infrastructure – the LPA Advisory Group is not our only outreach!



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