
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may experience minimal costs to install suitable markers, such as plaques or signs, on or near the bridge on State Route 108 that spans the Maumee River. Current costs to manufacture, install, and maintain a single set of memorial plaques or signs at one location is estimated to be a few hundred dollars, more or less, depending on the size of the sign(s).

When a bridge or highway is designated as a memorial, the Department's policy is to first install a memorial plaque in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location.¹ If installation of a plaque is not practical, a sign is installed along the highway or near the bridge instead. At one location two plaques or two signs are usually installed, one in each direction.

If ODOT chooses not to install the plaques or signs, a municipality may install markers on or near the bridge within its municipal boundaries. Costs to municipalities are likely to be similar to costs incurred by ODOT described above.

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¹ Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, 2003.