

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Purpose To plan, build, and maintain a safe, efficient, and accessible transportation system that integrates highway, rail, air, and water networks.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this agency according to fund group, as well as the Governor’s recommended funding levels.

BUDGET BY FUND GROUPS

General Revenue Fund

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	775-451	Public Transportation – State	\$28,589,210	\$28,589,210
GRF	775-453	Waterfront Line Lease Pymts. - State	1,786,000	0
GRF	775-456	Public Trans./Discretionary Capital	2,693,774	2,555,644
GRF	775-458	Elderly and Disabled Fare Assistance	3,364,000	3,364,000
GRF	776-465	Ohio Rail Development Commission	5,519,505	5,458,917
GRF	776-466	Railroad Crossing/Grade Separation	1,000,000	1,000,000
GRF	777-471	Airport Improvements - State	3,090,700	3,125,600
GRF	777-473	Rickenbacker Lease Payments - State	600,000	600,000
Total GRF funding: Department of Transportation			\$46,643,189	\$44,693,371

Federal Special Revenue Fund

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
3B9	776-662	Rail Transportation - Federal	\$600,000	\$600,000
Total FSR funding: Department of Transportation			\$600,000	\$600,000

State Special Revenue Fund

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
4N4	776-663	Panhandle Lease Reserve Payments	\$770,000	\$770,000
4N4	776-664	Rail Transportation-Other	850,720	1,745,000
Total SSR funding: Department of Transportation			\$1,620,720	\$2,515,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$48,863,909	\$47,808,371

BUDGET BY PROGRAM SERIES

Specific programs within the Department of Transportation that this analysis will focus on include:

- **Public Transportation**
- **ORDC/Rail Transportation**
- **Aviation**

The following tables show the line items that are used to fund these program series, as well as the Governor’s recommended funding levels.

Public Transportation **Program Series P005**

Purpose To improve ridesharing in both rural and urban regions so that all Ohioans will be serviced with a means of transportation regardless of economic status, location or physical agility.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	775-451	Public Transportation - State	\$28,589,210	\$28,589,210
Total funding: Public Transportation – State			\$28,589,210	\$28,589,210

Program Description: ORC Section 5501.07. The program was first funded in 1974, to serve the general public, especially those persons dependent on public transportation such as the elderly and the disabled.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive’s recommendations for GRF funding of this program series represent no increase in FY 2002 over FY 2001 and no increase for FY 2003 over FY 2002.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	775-453	Waterfront Line Lease Pymts. - State	\$1,786,000	\$0
Total funding: Waterfront Line Lease Pymts. - State			\$1,786,000	\$0

Program Description: originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 790 of the 120th G.A. This line item supports the debt service on the light rail transit system serving downtown Cleveland and adjacent areas.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive’s recommendations for GRF funding of this program series represent no increase from FY 2001 to FY 2002, and the payoff of outstanding bonds for the program in FY 2002.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	775-456	Public Transportation/Discretionary Capital	\$2,693,774	\$2,555,644
Total funding: Public Transportation/Discretionary Capital			\$2,693,774	\$2,555,644

Program Description: This line item supports major capital projects, and other local transit system subsidies. These are non-formula driven dollars which ODOT can use to fund its own capital project priorities.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive’s recommendations for GRF funding of this program series represent a 22.1 percent decrease for FY 2002 as compared with FY 2001 and a further 5.1 percent decrease for FY 2003.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	775-458	Elderly and Disabled Fare Assistance	\$3,364,000	\$3,364,000
Total funding: Elderly and Disabled Fare Assistance			\$3,364,000	\$3,364,000

Program Description: originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 107 of the 121st G.A. This line item finances a program that provides reduced local transit fares for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive’s recommendations for GRF funding of this program series represent no increase for FY 2002 over FY 2001 and no increase for FY 2003 over FY 2002.

ORDC/Rail Transportation

Program Series P006

Purpose The promotion of economic safety and rail development, as well as the administration of federal and state funding rail safety projects

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	776-465	Ohio Rail Development Commission	\$5,519,505	\$5,458,917
Total funding: Ohio Rail Development Commission			\$5,519,505	\$5,458,917

Program Description: Ohio Revised Code section 4981.01 to 4981.35. The Ohio Rail Transportation Authority and the Ohio High Speed Rail Authority had responsibilities for rail planning in the past. In 1994, all such authority was transferred to the Ohio Rail Development Commission.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive recommendation for FY 2002 represents a 4.5 percent decrease as compared with the FY 2001 estimate, and FY 2003 represents a 1.1 percent decrease from FY 2002.

Purpose Provides funds to communities most affected by rail traffic for improving rail crossing safety

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	776-466	Railroad Crossing/Grade Separation	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total funding: Railroad Crossing and Grade Separation			\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Program Description: Am. Sub. H.B. 640 of the 123rd G.A. Funds the Rail Crossing Safety Initiative, which provides funds to communities most affected by rail traffic to provide improvements to railroad crossings.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive recommendation for FY 2002 represents no increase over the FY 2001 estimate, and FY 2003 represents no increase over FY 2002.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
4N4	776-663	Panhandle Lease Payments	\$770,000	\$770,000
Total funding: Panhandle Lease Payments			\$770,000	\$770,000

Program Description: originally established by Am. Sub. S.B. 351 of the 119th G.A. This line is used to hold funds in reserve to meet monthly lease payments to Caprail I, Inc. for the lease of the Panhandle rail line in case of default.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: If an annual minimum of \$770,000 is not maintained, default clauses are activated. Once all payments are made for the year, the full annual amount is transferred to line 776-664, Rail Transportation-Other. Thus, as long as there is no default, this line item expenditure history will be zero.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
4N4	776-664	Rail Transportation-Other	\$850,720	\$1,745,000
Total funding: Rail Transportation-Other			\$850,720	\$1,745,000

Program Description: originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 107 of the 121st G.A. (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 100 of the 115th G.A.) This item helps finance rail freight assistance, planning and acquisition programs. Specifically, funds are used to rehabilitate rail lines, to construct interchanges or connections, to provide substitute service facilities, and to maintain rail properties purchased by the state. (Expenditures in FY 1994 were in line item 770-613.)

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive's recommendation represents a 70.1 percent increase from FY 2001 to FY 2002, and a 105.1 percent increase from FY 2002 to FY 2003.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
3B9	776-662	Rail Transportation - Federal	\$600,000	\$600,000
Total funding: Rail Transportation – Federal			\$600,000	\$600,000

Program Description: FED: CFDA 20.308, Local Rail Freight Assistance (National Rail Service Continuation Grants) originally established by Am. Sub. H. B. 107 of the 121st G.A. Grant money may be used to assist in acquiring a railroad line or other rail properties for existing or future rail freight service. Grants may also be used for rehabilitation and improvement on lines certified by the railroad as having carried five million gross ton miles per mile or less during the prior year but more than 20 carloads per mile, and for state rail planning, rail facility construction and substitute service projects. (Expenditure history includes 770-615 in FY 1994 through 1996.)

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive’s recommendation represents a 40.0 percent decrease from FY 2001 to FY 2002, and no change in funding from FY 2002 to FY 2003.

Aviation

Program Series P007

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	777-471	Airport Improvements - State	\$3,090,700	\$3,125,600
Total funding: Airport Improvements – State			\$3,090,700	\$3,125,600

Program Description: ORC 4561.08, 4561.09, and 5501. Originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 117 of the 121st G.A. This line item supports the County Airport Improvement program.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive’s recommendations for GRF funding of this program series represent a 0.2 percent increase for FY 2002 over FY 2001 and a 1.1 percent increase for FY 2003 over FY 2002.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	777-473	Rickenbacker Lease Payments – State	\$600,000	\$600,000
Total funding: Rickenbacker Lease Payments – State			\$600,000	\$600,000

Program Description: originally established by Am. Sub. S.B. 310 of the 121st G.A. This line item is used to make lease payments to support a loan paying for improvements at Rickenbacker for the benefit of Southern Air Transport.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive’s recommendations for GRF funding of this program series represent a 1.4 percent increase for FY 2002 over FY 2001 and no increase for FY 2003 over FY 2002.