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## **ACEC Ohio Supports Transportation Funding Proposal**

**COLUMBUS, OHIO (February 21, 2019)** – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio (ACEC Ohio) supports the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) biennial budget proposal for FY 2020/21. ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks outlined the proposal, which contains new revenue to solve the financial crisis of funding Ohio’s roads and bridges, today before the Ohio House Finance Committee.

“We feel that the efficiency and condition of Ohio’s transportation system is critical to the health of the state’s economy,” stated Beth Easterday, President of ACEC Ohio. “We appreciate the decisive action taken today by Governor DeWine and his Administration to address funding for Ohio’s roads and bridges in the transportation budget bill.”

ACEC Ohio is very appreciative that the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate are expediting hearings on the transportation budget bill, House Bill 62. If funding is not increased, Ohio would not have dollars to invest in new projects or be able to maintain and preserve the current assets of the state. Investment in transportation funding is needed to ensure that Ohio is economically competitive, ensures the safety of the traveling public, maintains and improves operational efficiencies of the system. Currently, Ohio has one of the lowest gas taxes in the region with a rate that has remained unchanged for 13 years.

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