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### **KASICH SIGNS HOUSE BILL 114 – TRANSPORTATION BUDGET BILL**

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich signed House Bill 114 (McGregor), the \$7 billion transportation budget bill that will fund operations for the Ohio departments of Transportation (ODOT) and Public Safety over the next two years. Within this legislation are reforms that provide new flexibility to generate revenue through innovative means, promote increased efficiency within state government, and ultimately result in a better use of taxpayer dollars.

The transportation budget received bipartisan support in the General Assembly, including a 33-0 vote in the Ohio Senate.

Joining Gov. Kasich at the bill signing were ODOT Director Jerry Wray, Department of Public Safety Assistant Director Craig Mayton, Rep. Ross McGregor, Rep. Ron Amstutz, Sen. Tom Patton, Sen. Chris Widener, Sen. Jason Wilson and Sen. Frank LaRose.

“Ohio is within 600 miles of 60 percent of the country, so the ability to improve infrastructure to raise productivity is really terrific. The provision on the public private partnership, combined with some of the other privatization efforts that we made, can really get Ohio into a much more strengthened position,” said Kasich.

Highlights of H.B. 114 include:

- **Public Private Partnerships (P3):** These partnerships will allow ODOT to harness the ingenuity and financing capabilities of the private sector and will ensure resources are available to deliver projects that may otherwise be delayed for years because of insufficient funding.
- **Commercial Vehicle Registration Renewals:** Simplifies the commercial vehicle registration process and increases commerce by allowing companies to renew registrations online with a credit card rather than spending a day at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
- **Design-Build Authority:** Expedites the design and bid processes by allowing a team of design engineers and construction contractors to work together to design, bid on, and deliver projects more quickly and efficiently. This allows ODOT to maximize its resources and reinvest savings in more projects, ultimately helping to rebuild Ohio.

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